



G41MXE Series

Motherboard

User's Manual



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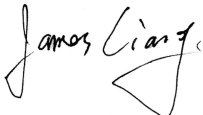
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Installation Precautions



- Electrostatic discharge (ESD) is the sudden and momentary electric current that flows between two objects at different electrical potentials. Normally it comes out as a spark which will quickly damage your electronic equipment. Please wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory.
- Ensure that the DC power supply is turned off before installing or removing CPU, memory, expansion cards or other peripherals. It is recommended to unplug the AC power cord from the power supply outlet. Failure to unplug the power supply cord may result in serious damage to your system.



Please carefully read the following procedures to install your computer :

- It is suggested to select high-quality, certified fans in order to avoid damage to the motherboard and CPU due to high temperature. Never turn on the computer if the CPU fan is not properly installed.
- We cannot guarantee that your system can operate normally when your CPU is overclocked. Normal operation depends on the overclocking capacity of your device.
- If there is any, when connecting USB, audio, 1394a, RS232 COM, IrDA or S/PDIF cables to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure their pinouts are matching with the connectors on the motherboard. Incorrect connections might damage the motherboard.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- If there is a PCI Express x16 graphics card installed in your system, we recommend using a 24-pin ATX power supply to get the best performance.
- Before turning on the power, please make sure the power supply AC input voltage setting has been configured to the local standard.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components. Also, make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.



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CPU Support List :

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Memory, VGA Compatibility List :

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Thank you for buying Foxconn G41MXE Series motherboard. Foxconn products are engineered to maximize computing power, providing only what you need for break-through performance.

With advanced overclocking capability and a range of connectivity features for today multi-media computing requirements, G41MXE/G41MXE-K enables you to unleash more power from your computer.

This chapter includes the following information:

- Product Specifications
- Layout
- Back Panel Connectors

1-1 Product Specifications

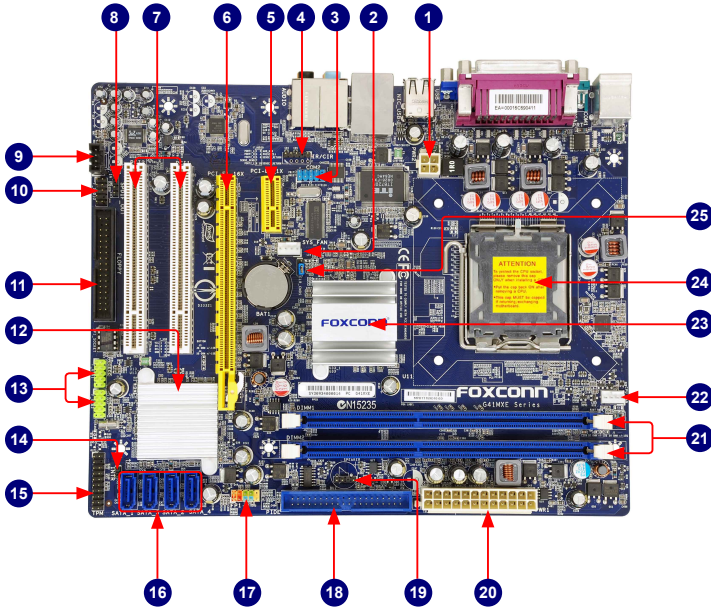
CPU	Support LGA775 socket Intel® CPU: Core™ 2 Quad / Core™ 2 Duo / Pentium® Dual-Core / Celeron® Dual-Core / Conroe-L processors Supports 45nm processor
Front Side Bus	1333/1066/800MHz FSB
Chipset	North Bridge: Intel® G41 South Bridge: Intel® ICH7
Memory	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM sockets Support up to 8GB of system memory Dual channel DDR3 1066/800MHz architecture
Audio	Realtek 6-channel audio chip (G41MXE) Realtek 8-channel audio chip (G41MXE-K) High Definition Audio 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel Support for S/PDIF out Support Jack-Sensing function
LAN	Realtek 10/100/1000Mb/s LAN chip
Expansion Slots	1 x PCI Express x16 slot 1 x PCI Express x1 slot 2 x PCI slots
Onboard Serial ATA	4 x SATA connectors 300MB/s data transfer rate Support hot plug and NCQ (Native Command Queuing)
USB	Support hot plug Support up to 8 x USB 2.0 ports (4 rear panel ports, 2 onboard USB headers supporting 4 extra ports) Supports USB 2.0 protocol up to 480Mb/s
Internal Connectors	1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector 1 x Floppy connector 1 x IDE connector 4 x SATA connectors 2 x USB 2.0 connectors (supporting 4 x USB devices) 1 x CPU fan header (4-pin) 1 x System fan header (4-pin) 1 x Front Panel connector 1 x CD_IN connector 1 x Front Audio connector 1 x IR connector 1 x S/PDIF_OUT connector 1 x Speaker connector 1 x TPM connector 1 x COM2 connector



	1 x Chassis Intrusion Alarm header (INTR)
Back Panel	1 x PS/2 Keyboard port
Connectors	1 x PS/2 Mouse port 1 x Serial port 1 x Parallel port 4 x USB 2.0 ports 1 x RJ-45 LAN port 1 x VGA port 6-channel audio ports (G41MXE) 8-channel audio ports (G41MXE-K)
Hardware Monitor	System voltage detection CPU/System temperature detection CPU/System fan speed detection CPU/System overheating shutdown CPU/System fan speed control
PCI Express x16	Support 4GB/s (8GB/s concurrent) bandwidth Low power consumption and power management features
Green Function	Support ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) Support S0 (normal), S1 (power on suspend), S3 (suspend to RAM), S4 (suspend to disk), and S5 (soft - off)
Bundled Software	FOX ONE FOX LiveUpdate FOX LOGO FOX DMI
Operating System	Support for Microsoft® Windows® Vista/XP
Form Factor	Micro ATX Form Factor, 9.6 inches x 7.7 inches (24.4cm x 18.8cm)

1-2 Layout

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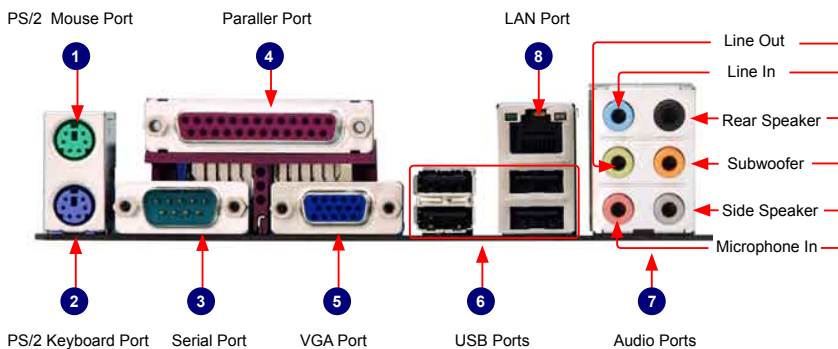


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| 1. 4-pin ATX 12V Power Connector | 14. INTR Connector |
| 2. SYS_FAN Header | 15. TPM Connector |
| 3. COM2 Connector | 16. SATA Connectors |
| 4. IR Connector | 17. Front Panel Connector |
| 5. PCI Express x1 Slot | 18. IDE Connector |
| 6. PCI Express x16 Slot | 19. Speaker Connector |
| 7. PCI Slots | 20. 24-pin ATX Power Connector |
| 8. S/PDIF_OUT Connector | 21. DDR3 DIMM Slots |
| 9. CD_IN Connector | 22. CPU_FAN Header |
| 10. Front Audio Connector | 23. North Bridge: Intel® G41 |
| 11. Floppy Connector | 24. LGA 775 CPU Socket |
| 12. South Bridge: Intel® ICH7 | 25. Clear CMOS Jumper |
| 13. Front USB Connectors | |

Note : The above motherboard layout is for reference only, please refer to the physical motherboard for detail.

1-3 Back Panel Connectors

Back Panel of G41MXE-K :



Back Panel of G41MXE:



1. PS/2 Mouse Port

Use the upper port (green) to connect a PS/2 mouse.

2. PS/2 Keyboard Port

Use the lower port (purple) to connect a PS/2 keyboard.

3. Serial Port

This is output of RS232 COM1 port.

4. Parallel Port

This connect provides printer port interface.

5. VGA Port

To connect with external display devices, such as monitor or LCD display.

6. USB Ports

The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as an USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

7. Audio Ports

For the definition of each audio port, please refer to the table below :

Audio Ports of G41MXE_K:

Port	2-channel	4-channel	5.1-channel	7.1-channel
Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Line In
Green	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Microphone In	Microphone In	Microphone In	Microphone In
Orange	-	-	Center/Subwoofer Out	Center/Subwoofer Out
Black	-	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out
Grey	-	-	-	Side Speaker Out


Audio Ports of G41MXE:

Port	2-channel	4-channel	5.1-channel
Blue	Line In	Rear Speaker Out*	Rear Speaker Out*
Green	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Microphone In	Microphone In	Center/Subwoofer Out*

* : Please refer to Chapter 4, and install the Realtek audio driver (in CD) to assign the audio output ports for different applications of 2/4/5.1 channels. The fundamental audio outputs are depicted in the table above.

8. RJ-45 LAN Port

The Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 10/100/1000Mb/s data rate.

LAN Type	Left: Active		Right: Link		Active LED	Link LED
	Status	Description	Status	Description		
1000M	Off	No Link	Off	No Link		
	Green Blinking	Data Activity	Off	10 Mb/s Connection		
			Green	100 Mb/s Connection		
			Orange	1000 Mb/s Connection		

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This chapter introduces the hardware installation process, including the installation of the CPU, memory, power supply, slots, pin headers and the mounting of jumpers. Caution should be exercised during the installation of these modules. Please refer to the motherboard layout prior to any installation and read the contents in this chapter carefully.

This chapter includes the following information :

- Install the CPU and CPU Cooler
- Install the Memory
- Install an Expansion Card
- Install other Internal Connectors
- Jumpers



Please visit the following website for more supporting information about your motherboard.

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Memory, VGA Compatibility List:

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2-1 Install the CPU and CPU Cooler



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU :

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
- Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

Hyper-Threading Technology System Requirements:

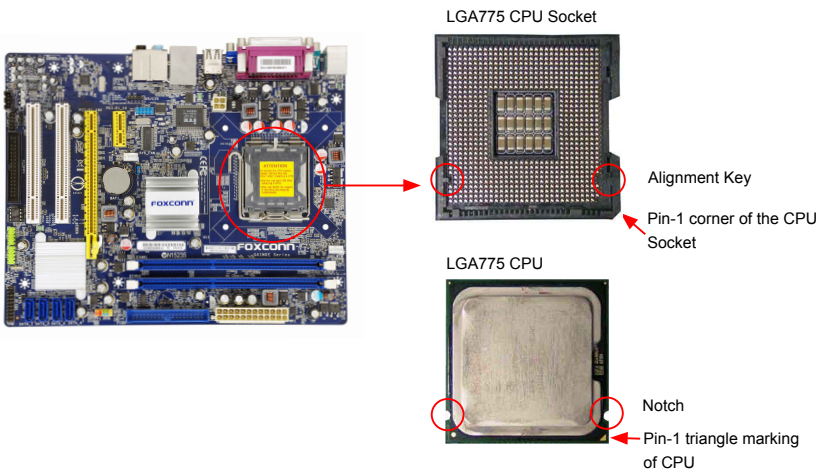
(Go to Intel's website for more information about the Hyper-Threading Technology)

- An Intel® CPU that supports HT Technology
- A chipset that supports HT Technology
- An operating system that is optimized for HT Technology
- A BIOS that supports HT Technology and has it enabled

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Install the CPU

Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.



Follow the steps to install the CPU onto the CPU socket :



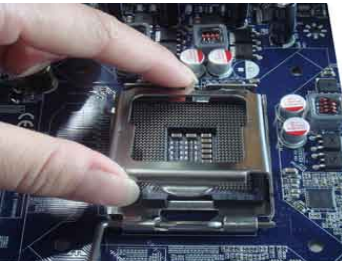
Before installing the CPU, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the CPU.



1. Remove protective socket cover.



2. Release the CPU socket lever.



3. Lift the metal cover on the CPU socket.



4. Check pin one marking (triangle) with the pin one corner of the CPU socket, align the CPU notches with the socket alignment keys and gently put the CPU onto the socket.



5. When CPU is properly seated, replace the metal cover and push the CPU socket lever back to its locked position.

Install the CPU Cooler

Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU cooler on the motherboard. (The following procedures use Foxconn cooler as the example.)

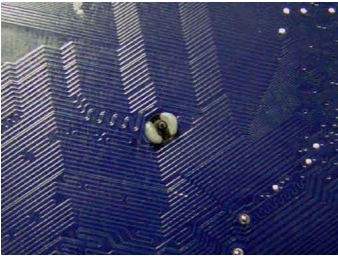
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1. Apply and spread an even thermal grease on the surface of CPU.



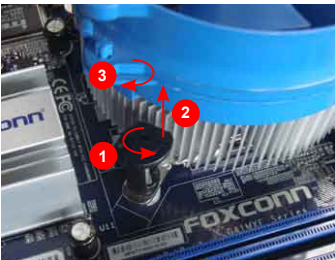
2. Place the four bolts of the CPU cooler to the holes of the motherboard, push them straight down from the top, and the bolts will be fastened on the motherboard. That's it.



3. Check the solder side of the motherboard, the push pin should be fixed as depicted in the picture.



4. Attach the 4-wire CPU cooler connector to the CPU FAN header on the motherboard .



Release bolts of CPU cooler from motherboard :

1. Turning the push pin (bolt) along with the direction of arrow (counterclockwise).
2. Pull the push pin straight up.
3. Turning push pin clockwise to its default position.



Use extreme care when removing the CPU cooler because the thermal grease may adhere to the CPU. Inadequately removing the CPU cooler may damage the CPU.

2-2 Install the Memory



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory :

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides two DDR3 memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. When memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically check the memory in your system.

Two DDR3 memory sockets are divided into two channels :

Channel 0 : DIMM1

Channel 1 : DIMM2

The combinations of DIMM modules are :

	DIMM1	DIMM2
Single Channel	DS/SS	-
Single Channel	-	DS/SS
Dual Channel	DS/SS	DS/SS

(DS : Double Side, SS : Single Side, - : No Memory)



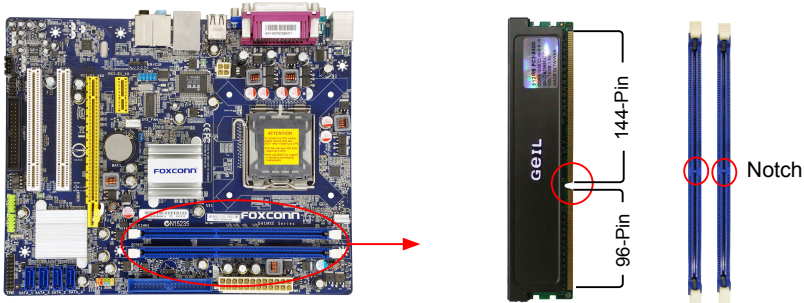
It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used and please select dual channel first to achieve optimum performance.

Installing a Memory

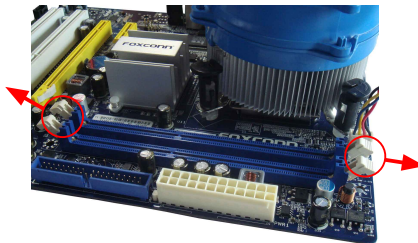


Before installing a memory module, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the memory module. Be sure to install DDR3 DIMMs on this motherboard.

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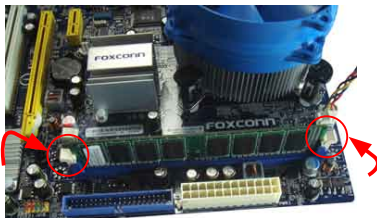


If you take a look at front side of memory module, it has asymmetric pin counts on both sides separated by a notch in the middle, so it can only fit in one direction. Follow the steps below to correctly install your memory modules into the sockets.



Step 1:

Spread the clips at both ends of the memory socket. Place the memory module onto the socket, then put your fingers on top edge of the module, and push it down firmly and seat it vertically into the memory socket.



Step 2:

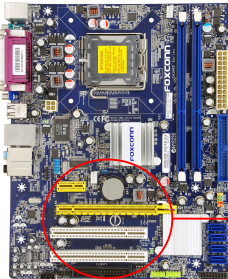
The clips at both ends of the socket will snap into place when the memory module is securely inserted.

2-3 Install an Expansion Card



- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.

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PCI Express x1



PCI Express x16



PCI



Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.

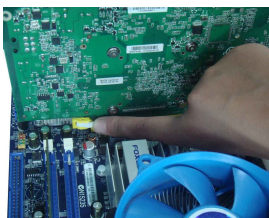
1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover.
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.

Installing and Removing a PCI Express x16 Graphics Card :



• Installing a Graphics Card:

Gently insert the graphics card into the PCI Express x16 slot. Make sure the graphics card is locked by the latch at the end of the PCI Express x16 slot.



• Removing the Card:

Push the latch at the end of the PCI Express x16 slot to release the card and then pull the card straight up from the slot.

2-4 Install other Internal Connectors

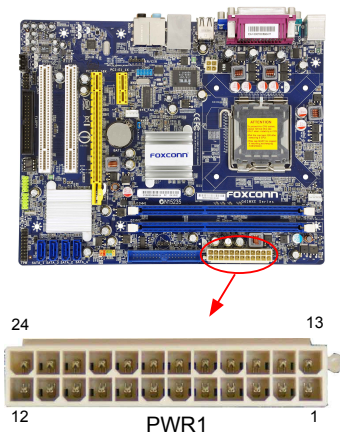
Power Connectors

This motherboard uses an ATX power supply. In order not to damage any device, make sure all the devices have been installed properly before applying the power supply.

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24-pin ATX Power Connector : PWR1

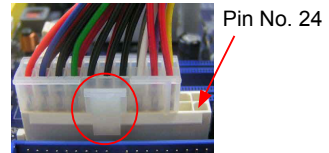
PWR1 is the ATX power supply connector. Make sure that the power supply cable and pins are properly aligned with the connector on the motherboard. Firmly plug the power supply cable into the connector and make sure it is secure.



Pin #	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON(Soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	NC
9	+5V SB(Stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V	23	+5V
12	3.3V	24	GND



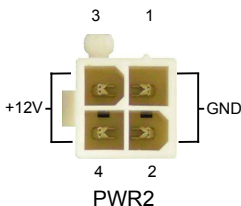
We recommend you using a 24-pin power supply. If you are using a 20-pin power supply, you need to align the ATX power connector according to the picture.



20-Pin Power

4-pin ATX 12 V Power Connector : PWR2

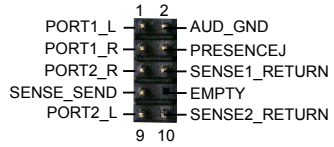
Connect the 4-pin ATX 12V power supply to PWR2 and provides power to the CPU.



Pin #	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V

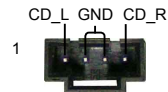
Audio Connector : F_AUDIO

The audio connector supports HD Audio standard. It provides the Front Audio output choice.



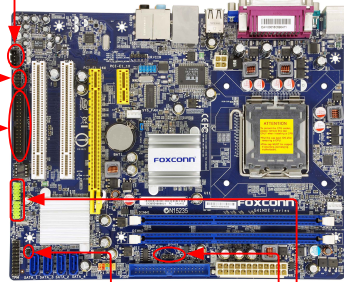
Audio Connector : CD_IN

CD_IN is a Sony standard audio connector, it can be connected to a CD/DVD-ROM drive through a CD/DVD audio cable.



Floppy Disk Drive Connector : FLOPPY

This motherboard includes a standard floppy disk drive (FDD) connector, supporting 360KB, 720KB, 1.2MB, 1.44MB, and 2.88MB FDDs.



Chassis Intrusion Alarm Header : INTR

The connector can be connected to a security switch on the chassis. The system can detect the chassis intrusion through the function of this connector. If eventually the chassis was closed, the system will send a message out.



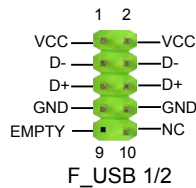
Speaker Connector : SPEAKER

The speaker connector is used to connect speaker of the chassis.



USB Connectors : F_USB1/2

In addition to the four USB ports on the rear panel, this product also provides two 10-pin USB headers on its motherboard. By connecting through USB cables with them, user can quickly expand another four USB ports on the front panel.



Front Panel Connector : FP1

This motherboard includes one connector for connecting the front panel switch and LED Indicators.

Hard Disk LED Connector (HDD-LED)

Connect to the chassis front panel IDE indicator LED. It indicates the active status of the hard disks. This 2-pin connector is directional with +/- sign.

Reset Switch (RESET-SW)

Attach the connector to the Reset switch on the front panel of the case; the system will restart when the switch is pressed.

Power LED Connector (PWR-LED)

Connect to the power LED indicator on the front panel of the chassis. The Power LED indicates the system's status. When the system is in operation (S0 status), the LED is on. When the system gets into sleep mode (S1), the LED is blinking; When the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or power off mode (S5), the LED is off. This 2-pin connector is directional with +/- sign.

Power Switch Connector (PWR-SW)

Connect to the power button on the front panel of the chassis. Push this switch allows the system to be turned on and off rather than using the power supply button.

IDE Connector : PIDE

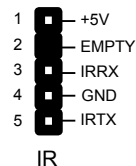
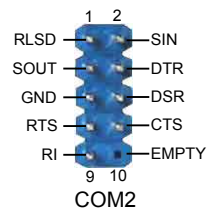
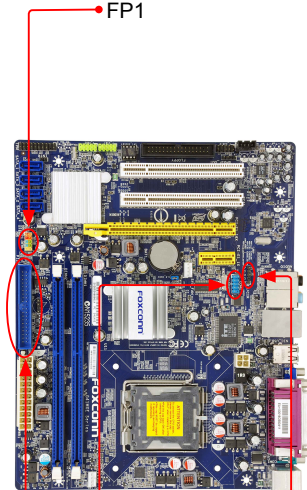
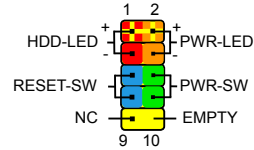
With the provided Ultra DMA IDE ribbon cable, you can connect to any IDE type of hard disk and CD/DVD ROM/RW drive.

COM Connector : COM2

This motherboard supports one serial RS232 COM port for legacy compatibility. User must purchase another RS232 cable with a 9-pin D-sub connector at one end to connect with the external RS232 device and another end with 10-pin female connector to connect with COM2 connector in the motherboard.

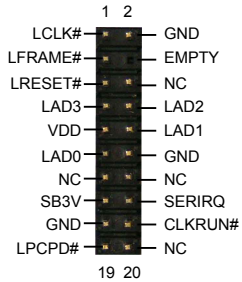
IR Connector : IR

This connector supports infrared wireless transmitting and receiving device.



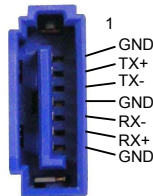
TPM Connector : TPM

The TPM (Trusted Platform Module) provides the ability to the PC to run applications more secure and to make transactions and communication more trustworthy. To utilize this function, you should purchase additional device and install it.



Serial ATA Connectors : SATA_1/2/3/4

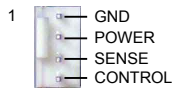
The Serial ATA connector is used to connect with SATA Hard Disk or CD devices which support this feature. The current Serial ATA II interface allows up to 300MB/s data transfer rate.



SATA_1/2/3/4

Fan Connectors : CPU_FAN, SYS_FAN

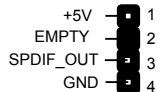
There are two main fan headers on this motherboard. The fan speed can be controlled and monitored in "PC Health Status" section of the BIOS Setup. These fans can be automatically turned off after the system enters S3, S4 and S5 sleeping states.



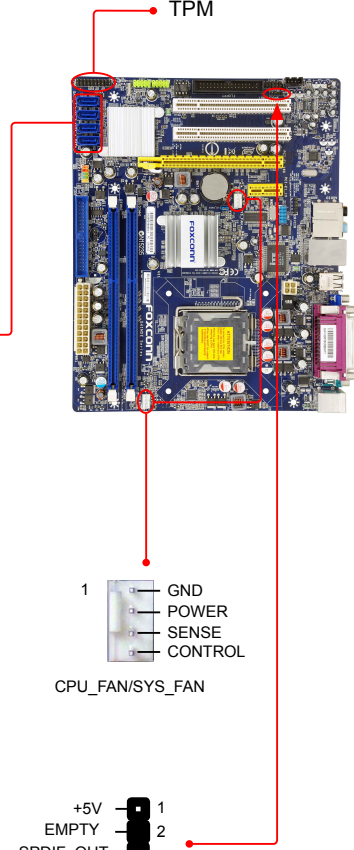
CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN

S/PDIF OUT Connector : SPDIF_OUT

The connector is used for S/PDIF output.



SPDIF_OUT





2-5 Jumpers

For some features needed, users can change the jumper settings on this motherboard to modify them. This section explains how to use the various functions of this motherboard by changing the jumper settings. Users should read the following content carefully prior to modifying any jumper setting.

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Description of Jumpers

1. For any jumper on this motherboard, pin 1 can be identified by the bold silkscreen next to it. However, in this manual, pin 1 is simply labeled as "1".
2. The following table explains different types of the jumper settings. "Closed" means placing a jumper cap on the two pins to temporarily short them. The shorting can also be done by touching two pins by a screwdriver for a few seconds, but using jumper cap is recommended. It can prevent hazardous ESD (Electrical Static Discharge) problem.

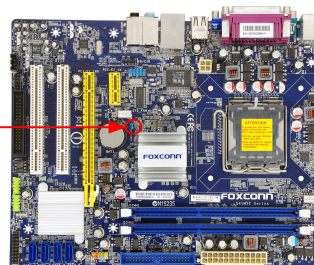
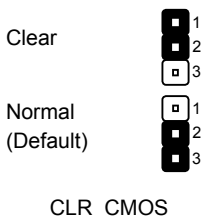
Jumper	Diagram	Definition	Description
1		1-2	Set Pin 1 and Pin 2 closed
		2-3	Set Pin 2 and Pin 3 closed

Clear CMOS Jumper: CLR_CMOS

The motherboard uses CMOS RAM to store the basic hardware information (such as BIOS data, date, time information, hardware password...etc.). Clear CMOS data is the fast way to go back to factory default when the BIOS settings were mistakenly modified.

The steps to clear CMOS data are :

1. Turn off the computer, unplug the power cord from the power outlet.
2. Remove jumper cap from pins 2-3, put it onto pins 1-2 to short them. This will clear CMOS data.
3. Return the setting to its original with pins 2-3 closed.
4. Plug in the power cord to your computer and turn it on.
5. Go to BIOS Setup to configure new system as described in next chapter.



- Disconnect the power cable before adjusting the jumper settings.
- Do not clear the CMOS while the system is turned on.

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This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

You have to run the Setup Program when the following cases occur :

1. An error message appears on the screen during the system Power On Self Test (POST) process.
2. You want to change the default CMOS settings.

This chapter includes the following information :

- Enter BIOS Setup
- Main Menu
- System Information
- Advanced BIOS Features
- Fox Central Control Unit
- Advanced Chipset Features
- Integrated Peripherals
- Power Management Setup
- PC Health Status
- BIOS Security Features
- Load Optimal Defaults
- Save & Exit Setup
- Exit Without Saving



Since BIOS could be updated some other times, the BIOS information described in this manual is for reference only. We do not guarantee the content of this manual will remain consistent with the newly released BIOS at any given time in the future. Please visit our website for updated manual if it is available.

Enter BIOS Setup

The BIOS is the communication bridge between hardware and software, correctly setting up the BIOS parameters is critical to maintain optimal system performance. Power on the computer, when the message "**Press to enter Setup, <Esc> to boot menu**" appears at the bottom of the screen, you can press key to enter Setup.

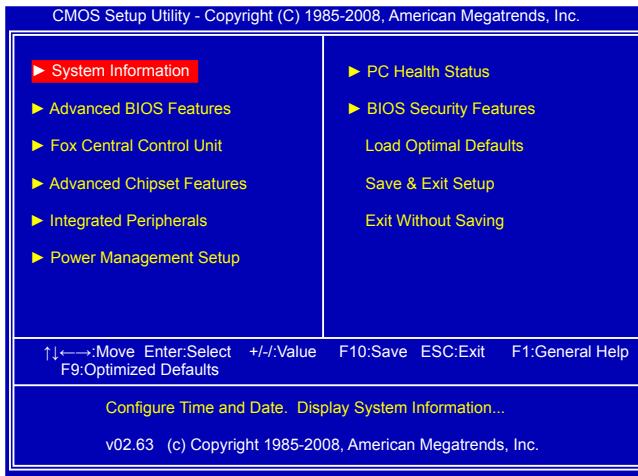


We do not suggest that you change the default values in the BIOS Setup, and we shall not be responsible for any damage which resulted from the change you made.

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Main Menu

The main menu allows you to select from a list of setup functions together with two exit choices. Use the arrow keys to select a specific item and press <Enter> to go to the sub-menu.



Each item in the main menu is explained below:

▶ System Information

It displays the basic system configuration, such as BIOS version, CPU Name, memory size plus system date, time and Floppy drive. They all can be viewed or set up through this menu.

▶ Advanced BIOS Features

The advanced system features can be set up through this menu. There are boot up settings.

▶ Fox Central Control Unit

Some special proprietary features (such as overclocking) can be set up through this menu.

▶ Advanced Chipset Features

The values for the chipset can be changed through this menu, and the system performance can be optimized.

▶ Integrated Peripherals

All onboard peripherals can be set up through this menu. There are IDE devices, Super I/O devices such as Serial I/O and other USB devices... etc.

► **Power Management Setup**

All the items related with Green function features can be setup through this menu.

► **PC Health Status**

This setup enables you to read/change fan speeds, and displays temperatures and voltages of your CPU/System.

► **BIOS Security Features**

The Supervisor/User password can be set up through this menu to prevent unauthorized use of your computer. If you set a password, the system will ask you to key in correct password before boot or access to Setup.

► **Load Optimal Defaults**

The optimal performance settings can be loaded through this menu. However, it may offer better performance in some ways (such as less I/O cards, less memory ...etc.), still, it may cause problem if you have more memory or I/O cards installed. It means, if your system loading is heavy, set to optimal default may sometimes come out an unstable system. What you need now is to adjust BIOS setting one by one, trial and error, to find out the best setting for your current system.

► **Save & Exit Setup**

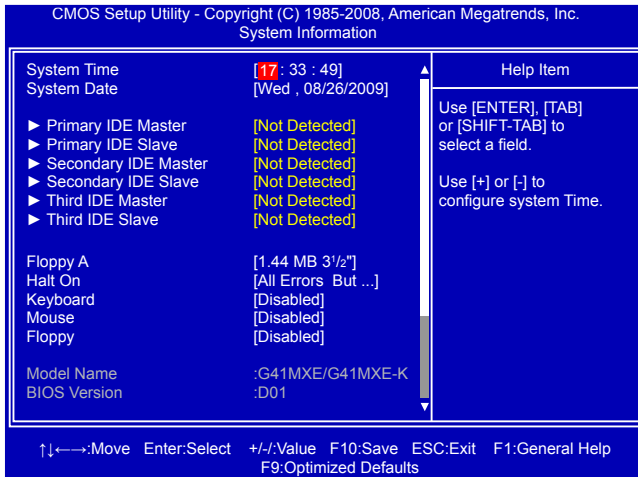
Save setting values to CMOS and exit.

► **Exit Without Saving**

Do not change anything and exit the setup.

System Information

This sub-menu is used to set up the standard BIOS features, such as the date, time, floppy drive and so on. Use the arrow up/down keys to select an item, then use the <+> or <-> keys to change the setting.



► System Time

This item allows you to configure the desired time. Use [ENTER], [TAB] or [SHIFT-TAB] to select a field. Use [+] or [-] to input the value.

The three fields of the setting are <hour> : <minute> : <second> respectively.

► System Date

<weekday><month><date> <year> format.

Day—weekday from Sun. to Sat., this message is automatically displayed by BIOS (Read Only).

Month—month from 1 to 12.

Date—date from 1 to 31.

Year—year, set up by users.

Use [ENTER], [TAB] or [SHIFT-TAB] to select a field. Use [+] or [-] to input the value.

► Primary/Secondary/Third IDE Master/Slave

While entering setup, BIOS automatically detects the presence of IDE devices. This item displays the drive information of IDE devices.

► Floppy A

This option allows you to select which kind of the Floppy Disk Drive is installed in your system. It can be [360KB, 5 1/4"], [1.2MB, 5 1/4"], [720KB, 3 1/2"], [1.44MB, 3 1/2"], [2.88 MB, 3 1/2"] and [Disabled].

► Halt On

This category determines whether or not the computer will stop if an error is detected during powering up.

[All Errors] : All errors can result in system halt.

[All Errors But...] : All errors but keyboard or mouse or floppy can result in system halt. The halt condition can be enabled/disabled in the next three settings.

► **Keyboard**

The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error if you enabled this item.

► **Mouse**

The system boot will not stop for a mouse error if you enabled this item.

► **Floppy**

The system boot will not stop for a floppy error if you enabled this item.

► **Model Name**

Model name of this product.

► **BIOS Version**

It displays the current BIOS version. User can check this information and discuss with the field service people if a BIOS upgrade is needed.

► **Memory**

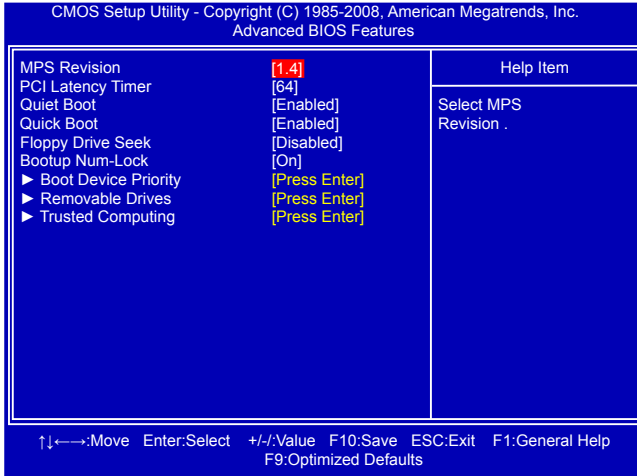
This item shows the information of the system memory, determined by POST(Power On Self Test) of the BIOS.

► **MAC Address**

This item shows the onboard LAN MAC address.



Advanced BIOS Features



► MPS Revision

This feature is only applicable to multiprocessor motherboards as it specifies the version of the MPS that the motherboard will use. The MPS is a specification by which PC manufacturers design and build CPU architecture systems with two or more processors. MPS 1.1 was the original specification. MPS version 1.4 adds extended configuration tables for improved support of multiple PCI bus configurations and greater expandability in the future. In addition, MPS 1.4 introduces support for a secondary PCI bus without requiring a PCI bridge. If your operating system comes with support for MPS 1.4, you should keep the setting as the default 1.4. You also need to enable MPS 1.4 support if you need to make use of the secondary PCI bus on a motherboard that doesn't come with a PCI bridge. You should only leave it as 1.1 only if you are running an older operating system that only supports MPS 1.1.

► PCI Latency Timer

This item is used to set the PCI latency timer. The value is in unit of PCI cycle for PCI device latency timer register. Setting values are 32, 64, 96, 128, 160, 192, 224, 248.

This feature controls how long each PCI device can hold the bus before another takes over.

The larger the value, the longer the PCI device can retain control of the bus. Low values for the PCI Latency Timer will reduce the effective PCI bandwidth while higher values means

every PCI device will have to wait longer before they can get access to the bus, but when they do get access, they can conduct their transactions for a longer time. Normally, a default value of 64 cycles is set. Some PCI devices may not agree with longer latency times so if you start facing problems like stuttering sound or a less responsive system, reduce the latency. Higher values will actually reduce performance as too much time may be allocated to each PCI device

to the disadvantage of other devices on the bus.

► Quiet Boot

This item is used to enable/disable the quiet boot.

[Disabled] : Displays the normal POST messages.

[Enabled] : Displays OEM customer logo instead of POST messages.

► Quick Boot

While Enabled, this option allows BIOS to skip certain tests while booting, this will shorten the time needed to boot the system.

► **Floppy Drive Seek**

This item controls whether the BIOS will be checking for a floppy drive while booting up. If it cannot detect one (either due to improper configuration or physical unavailability), it will appear an error message. Disabling this function, then POST will not detect the floppy.

► **Bootup Num-Lock**

This item defines if the keyboard Num Lock key is active when your system is started. The available settings are: On (default) and Off.

► **Boot Device Priority**

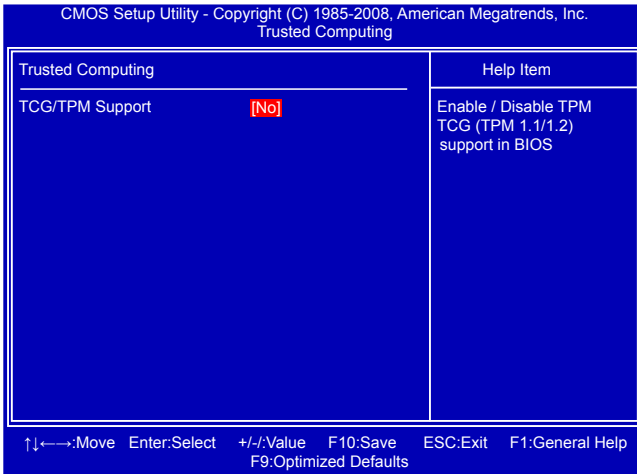
This option is used to select the priority for boot devices. After pressing <Enter>, you can select the device using the Up/Down arrow keys, and change the device priority using <+> or <->; you can exit this menu by pressing <Esc>.

► **Removable Drives**

This option is used to specify the boot priority sequence from available removable drives.

► **Trusted Computing**

Press <Enter> to go to its submenu.



► **TCG/TPM Support**

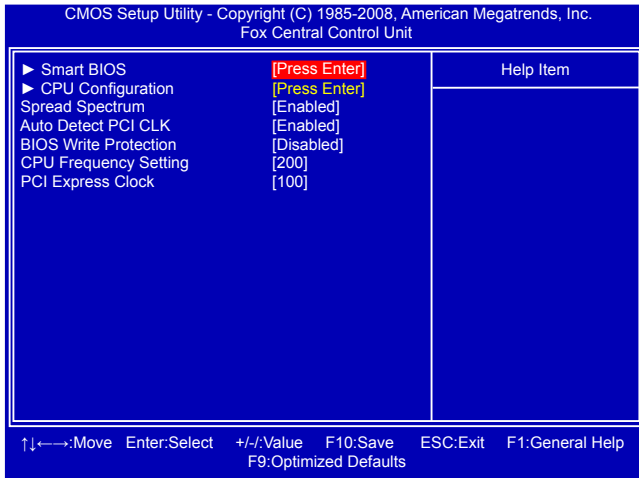
Trusted Computing Group (TCG) members develop and promote open, vendor-neutral, industry standard specifications for trusted computing building blocks and software interfaces across multiple platforms

TPM (Trusted Platform Module) is a specification promoted by TCG. A Trusted Platform Module offers facilities for secure generation of cryptographic keys.

The TPM Work Group is chartered to create the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) specification. The definition of the TPM architecture comes from the TC and the TPM Work Group defines the implementation of that architecture. Work group members should have a working knowledge of security in relation to the design and usage of cryptographic modules. Members should also have a working knowledge of cryptographic techniques including public-key cryptography, cryptographic algorithms and protocols.

This item is used to enable/disable the function of TCG/TPM support.

Fox Central Control Unit



▶ Smart BIOS / CPU Configuration

Press <Enter> to go to its submenu.

▶ Spread Spectrum

If you enabled this function, it can significantly reduce the EMI (Electromagnetic Interference) generated by the system, so to comply with FCC regulation. But if overclocking is activated, you had better disable it.

▶ Auto Detect PCI CLK

This option is used to auto detect PCI slot. When enabled, the system will turn off clock of the empty PCI slot to reduce EMI (Electromagnetic Interference).

▶ BIOS Write Protection

To protect the system BIOS from virus attack, there is a BIOS write-protection mechanism provided. Super BIOS Protect function protects your BIOS from being affected by viruses, e.g. CIH.

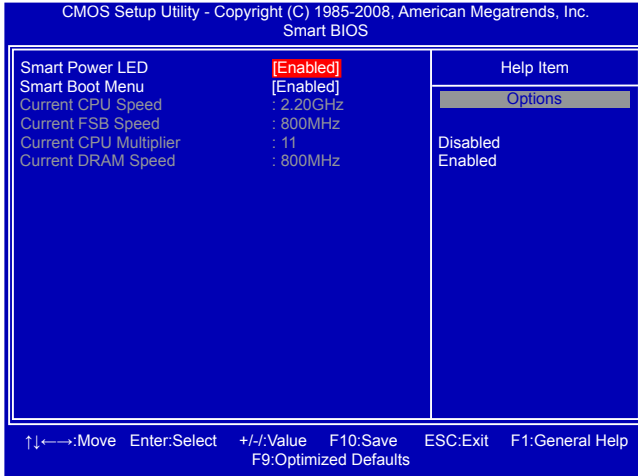
▶ CPU Frequency Setting

This option is used to adjust CPU Frequency. You can use the <+> or <-> keys to change the value, or you can type the desired value by using the numeric keypad.

▶ PCI Express Clock

This option is used to adjust the speed of PCI Express slot. It may enhance the graphics card speed. You can use the <+> or <-> keys to change the value, or you can type the desired value by using the numeric keypad.

Smart BIOS



► Smart Power LED

Smart Power LED is a feature built on your motherboard to indicate different states during Power-On Self-Test (POST). The LED is located at the front panel, and it displays POST state by different long-short blinking intervals. You can always leave this state enabled.

System Status	Power LED Status	Stop Blinking Condition
Normal	Always On	Always On
No Memory	Continue blinking On (1sec.), Off (1sec.)	Reboot & Memory OK
No Display	Continue blinking On (2sec.), Off (2sec.)	Reboot & Display OK
Post Error Message	Quick blinking twice (1/3sec. On, 1/3sec. Off), one long On (1sec.), continuously.	Enter Setup or Skip
No CPU Fan	Continue blinking On (1/2sec.), Off (1/2sec.)	Reboot & Fan OK

► Smart Boot Menu

When PC starts, it will ask you to press [Del] key to enter setup or press [Esc] key to enter smart boot menu. If [Disabled] is selected, then pressing [Esc] has no function. This also prevents user without password trying to get into your computer through smart boot menu.

► Current CPU Speed

This item displays the current CPU speed.

► Current FSB Speed

This item displays the current Front Side Bus clock.

► Current CPU Multiplier

This item displays the current CPU Ratio.

► Current DRAM Speed

This item displays the current DRAM Speed.

CPU Configuration

CPU Configuration	Help Item
Module Version : 3F.0F	
Manufacturer : Intel	
Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo CPU E4500 @ 2.20GHz	
Frequency :2.20GHz	
FSB Speed :800MHz	
Cache L1 :64 KB	
Cache L2 :2048 KB	
Ratio Status :Unlocked (Min:06, Max:11)	
Ratio Actual Value:11	
Ratio CMOS Setting 11	Help Item
C1E Support [Enabled]	Sets the ratio between CPU Core Clock and the FSB Frequency.
Limit CPUID MaxVal [Disabled]	Note:
Execute Disable Bit [Enabled]	Only available when SpeedStep technology is disabled.
EIST Function [Disabled]	
↑↓←→:Move Enter:Select +/-:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F9:Optimized Defaults	

▶ Ratio CMOS Setting

This item is used to set the ratio between CPU Core Clock and the FSB Frequency.

▶ C1E Support

C1E represents Enhanced HALT State. It is a feature which Intel CPU uses to reduce power consumption when in halt state. C1E drops the CPU's multiplier and voltage to lower levels when a HLT (halt) command is issued. This item is used to enable/disable the C1E support.

▶ Limit CPUID MaxVal

This item is used to enable or disable CPUID maximum value limit configuration. Set Limit CPUID MaxVal to 3, it should be [Disabled] for WinXP.

▶ Execute Disable Bit

This item is used to enable/disable the Execute Disable Bit feature.

Intel's Execute Disable Bit functionality can help prevent certain classes of malicious buffer overflow attacks when combined with a supporting operating system.

Execute Disable Bit allows the processor to classify areas in memory by where application code can execute and where it cannot. When a malicious worm attempts to insert code in the buffer, the processor disables code execution, preventing damage and worm propagation. Replacing older computers with Execute Disable Bit-enabled systems can halt worm attacks, reducing the need for virus-related repairs. By combining Execute Disable Bit with anti-virus, firewall, spyware removal, e-mail filtering software, and other network security measures, IT managers can free IT resources for other initiatives.

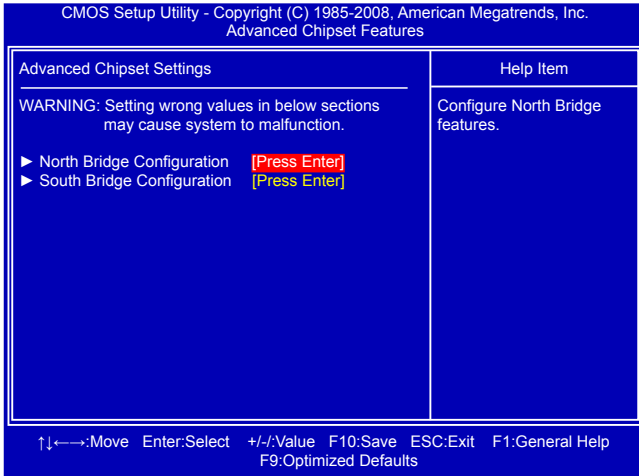
▶ EIST Function

You can enable/disable the EIST (Processor Power Management, PPM) through this item.



Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® technology (EIST) allows the system to dynamically adjust processor voltage and core frequency, which can result in decreased average power consumption and decreased average heat production. There are some system requirements must be met, including CPU, chipset, motherboard, BIOS and operation system. Please refer to Intel website for more information.

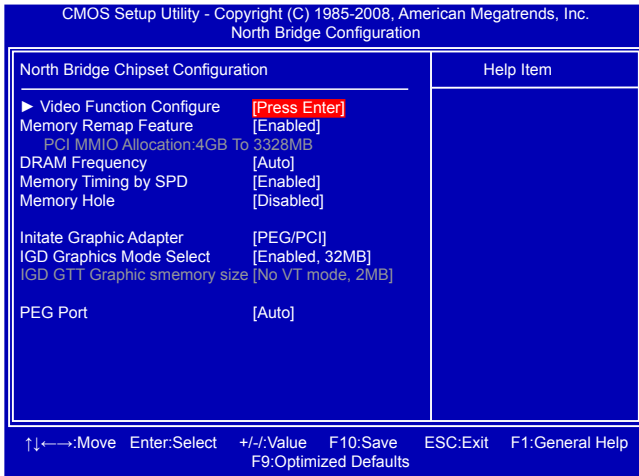
Advanced Chipset Features



▶ North Bridge Configuration/ South Bridge Configuration

Press <Enter> to go to its submenu.

North Bridge Configuration



▶ Video Function Configure

Press <Enter> to go to its submenu.

▶ Memory Remap Feature

This item is used to enable/disable memory remap feature. Its mainly for if you have a 64bit OS and 4GB of RAM. Basically it allows you to remap the overlapped PCI memory above the total physical memory.

▶ DRAM Frequency

This item is used to adjust the DRAM frequency. Select [Auto] for SPD enable mode. You also can select a value manually such as [800 MHz].

► **Memory Timing by SPD**

This item is used to enable/disable provision of DRAM timing by SPD device. The Serial Presence Detect (SPD) device is a small EEPROM chip, mounted on a memory module. It contains important information about the module's speed, size, addressing mode and various other parameters, so that the motherboard memory controller (chipset) can better access the memory device.

► **Memory Hole**

This item is used to determine whether the 15M-16M address field of memory is reserved for the ISA expansion card.

► **Initate Graphic Adapter**

This item is used to choose the initate graphics controller which will be used as the primary boot device.

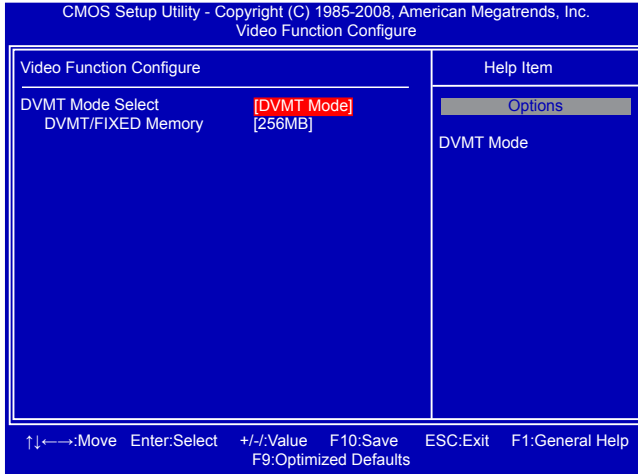
► **IGD Graphics Mode Select**

This item is used to select the amount of system memory used by internal graphics device.

► **PEG Port**

This item is used to enable/disable PCI Express graphics port.

Video Function Configure



► DVMT Mode Select

Dynamic Video Memory Technology (DVMT) dynamically allocates system memory for use as video memory to ensure the most efficient use of available resources for maximum 2D/3D graphics performance.

The amount of video memory allocated depends upon the amount requested by the operating system. When the memory is no longer required, it is returned to the operating system for use by other applications or system functions. DVMT allocates memory based on system needs. This BIOS option allows you to adjust the amount of memory available for DVMT.

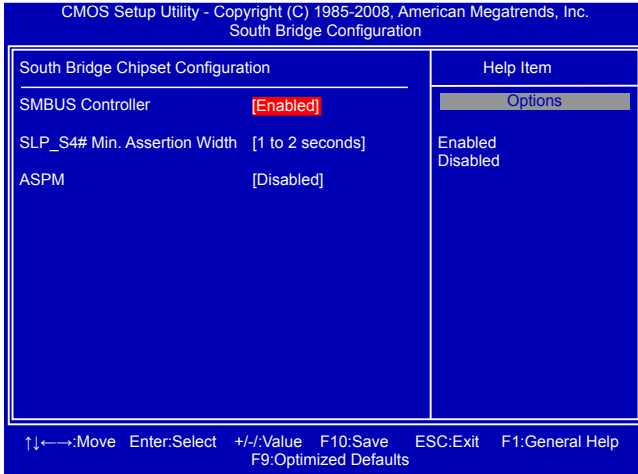
Fixed is a memory allocation method addition to the Unified Memory Architecture (UMA) concept, wherein a static amount of page-locked graphics memory is allocated during driver initialization. This fixed amount of memory will provide the user with a guaranteed graphics memory at all times, and will no longer be available to the OS.

DVMT is an enhancement of the UMA concept, where in the graphics driver allocates memory as needed for running graphics applications. If a user is not performing any graphics-intensive operations, most of the DVMT memory can be utilized by the OS for other uses. We recommend using DVMT setting for better overall system performance.

► DVMT/FIXED Memory

Select graphics memory size for Fixed or DVMT usage.

South Bridge Configuration



► SMBUS Controller

The System Management Bus is a specific implementation of an I²C bus. The SMBus specification describes the data protocols, device addresses, and electrical requirements that are superimposed on the I²C bus specification. The SMBus is used to physically transport commands and information between the Smart Battery, SMBus Host, Smart Battery Charger, and other SMBus Devices. This item is used to enable/disable System Management Bus controller.

► SLP_S4# Min. Assertion Width

SLP_S4# is a signal for power plane control. This signal shuts off power to all non-critical systems when in the S4 (Suspend to Disk) or S5 (Soft Off) state.

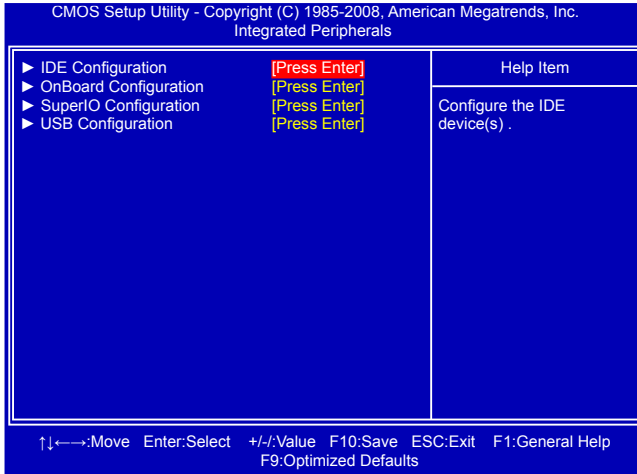
This setting indicates the minimum assertion width of the SLP_S4# signal to ensure that the DRAMs have been safely power-cycled. Setting values are: [4 to 5 seconds], [3 to 4 seconds], [2 to 3 seconds], [1 to 2 seconds].

► ASPM

Active State Power Management (ASPM) allows power to be incrementally reduced to individual serial links in a PCI Express fabric as a link becomes less active. ASPM is defined in the PCI Express base specification. Enables or disables ASPM for a Link, based on the overall system power policy, the hardware capabilities of the Link, and the latency of the Link. Hardware performs the actual power management operations of transitioning Links between Link power states and resynchronizing Links. The configuration of the PCI Express implementation on a system affects the amount of power savings that can actually be achieved.

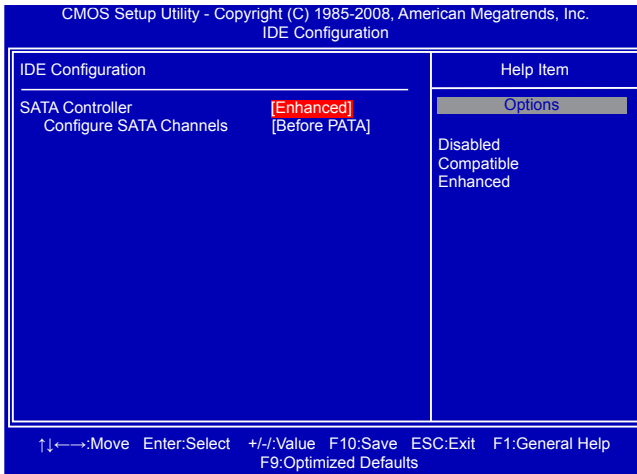
This item is used to enable/disable this feature.

Integrated Peripherals



- ▶ **IDE Configuration/OnBoard Configuration/SuperIO Configuration/USB Configuration**
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IDE Configuration



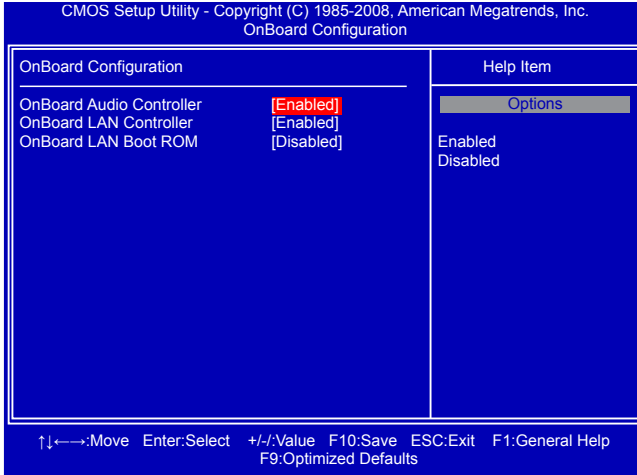
- ▶ **SATA Controller**

This item allows you to select the mode of the SATA ports. Setting values are: [Disabled], [Compatible], [Enhanced].

- ▶ **Configure SATA Channels**

This item allows you to configure the location of SATA ports in "System Information" menu. Setting values are: [Before PATA] and [Behind PATA]. When set to [Before PATA], SATA drives are displayed as Primary IDE Master/Slave and Secondary IDE Master/Slave in "System Information" menu; when set to [Behind PATA], SATA drives are displayed as Secondary IDE Master/Slave and Third IDE Master/Slave in "System Information" menu.

OnBoard Configuration



► OnBoard Audio Controller

This item is used to enable or disable the onboard Audio Controller.

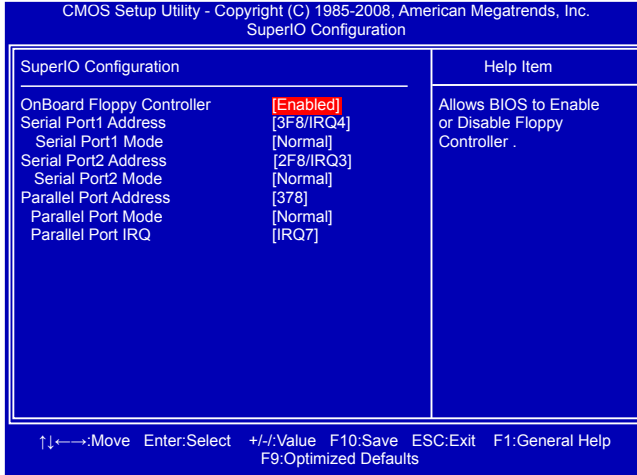
► OnBoard LAN Controller

This item is used to enable or disable the onboard LAN controller.

► OnBoard LAN Boot ROM

This item is used to enable or disable the onboard LAN boot optional ROM. A LAN boot ROM lets you set up a diskless workstation on the network. By installing a boot ROM in the network board, you can enable a client PC system on the network to be booted remotely.

SuperIO Configuration



► OnBoard Floppy Controller

This item is used to enable/disable Floppy Controller.

► Serial Port1 Address

This item is used to assign the I/O address and interrupt request (IRQ) for the onboard serial port 1.

► Serial Port1 Mode

This item enables you to determine the transfer mode of the serial port 1.

► Serial Port2 Address

This item is used to assign the I/O address and interrupt request (IRQ) for the onboard serial port 2.

► Serial Port2 Mode

This item enables you to determine the transfer mode of the serial port 2.

► Parallel Port Address

This item is used to assign the I/O address and interrupt request (IRQ) for the onboard parallel port.

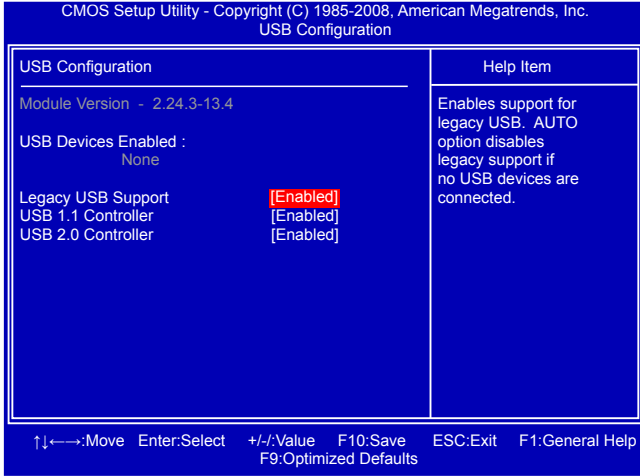
► Parallel Port Mode

This item is used to set parallel port mode.

► Parallel Port IRQ

This item is used to assign the interrupt request (IRQ) for the onboard parallel port .

USB Configuration



► Legacy USB Support

This item is used to enable the support for USB devices on legacy OS. If you have a USB keyboard or mouse, set to auto or enabled.

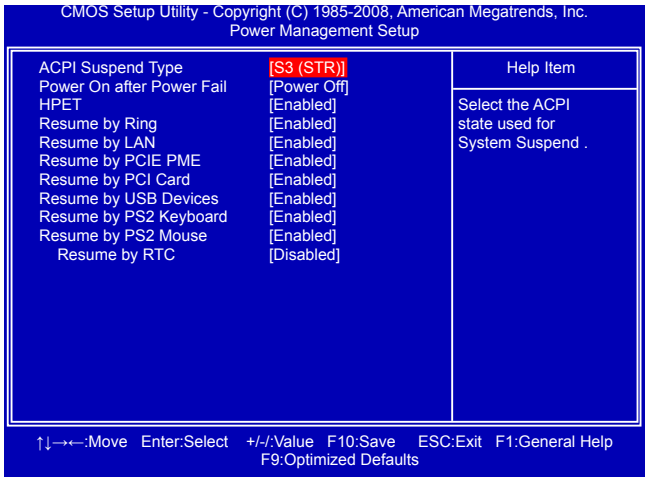
► USB 1.1 Controller

This item is used to enable or disable the Universal Host Controller Interface for USB.

► USB 2.0 Controller

This item is used to enable or disable the Enhanced Host Controller Interface for USB.

Power Management Setup



ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) is an open industry standard interfaces enabling OS-directed configuration, power management, and thermal management of mobile, desktop, and server platforms. It defines five sleeping states, they are :

- S1 - The S1 sleeping state is a low wake latency sleeping state. In this state, no system context is lost (CPU or chip set) and hardware maintains all system context. (also called **Power On Suspend**)
- S2 - The S2 sleeping state is a low wake latency sleeping state. This state is similar to the S1 sleeping state except that the CPU and system cache context is lost (the OS is responsible for maintaining the caches and CPU context). Control starts from the processor's reset vector after the wake event.
- S3 - The S3 sleeping state is a low wake latency sleeping state where all system context is lost except system memory. CPU, cache, and chip set context are lost in this state. Hardware maintains memory context and restores some CPU and L2 configuration context. Control starts from the processor's reset vector after the wake event. (also called **Suspend to RAM**)
- S4 - The S4 sleeping state is the lowest power, longest wake latency sleeping state supported by ACPI. In order to reduce power to a minimum, it is assumed that the hardware platform has powered off all devices. Platform context is maintained. (also called **Suspend to Disk**)
- S5 - The S5 state is similar to the S4 state except that the OS does not save any context. The system is in the "soft" off state and requires a complete boot when it wakes. Software uses a different state value to distinguish between the S5 state and the S4 state to allow for initial boot operations within the BIOS to distinguish whether or not the boot is going to wake from a saved memory image.

► **ACPI Suspend Type**

This item is used to set the energy saving mode of the ACPI function. When you select “S1 (POS)” mode, the power is always on and computer can be resumed at any time. When you select “S3 (STR)” mode, the power will be down after a period of time. The status of the computer before it entering STR will be saved in memory, and the computer can quickly return to previous state when the STR function wakes.

► **Power On after Power Fail**

This item is used to set which state the PC will take with when it resumes after an AC power loss.

► **HPET**

HPET stands for High Precision Even Timer. If you have the HPET disabled, then windows does not have access to it and therefore falls back to less accurate timing methods. This item is used to enable or disable the HPET Support.

► **Resume by Ring**

This item is used to enable/disable the modem of serial port to generate a wake up from an ACPI sleep state.

► **Resume by LAN**

This item is used to enable/disable the LAN device to generate a wake up.

► **Resume by PCIE PME**

This item is used to enable/disable a PCI Express device to generate a wake up.

► **Resume by PCI Card**

This item is used to enable/disable a PCI card to generate a wake up.

► **Resume by USB Devices**

This item is used to enable/disable the USB keyboard or mouse to generate a wake up.

► **Resume by PS2 Keyboard**

This item is used to enable/disable the PS2 keyboard to generate a wake up.

► **Resume by PS2 Mouse**

This item is used to enable/disable the PS2 mouse to generate a wake up.

► **Resume by RTC**

This item is used to enable/disable RTC alarm event to generate a wake up. RTC is system real time clock.

PC Health Status

CMOS Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 1985-2008, American Megatrends, Inc.		Help Item
PC Health Status		Options
Warning Temperature	[Disabled]	Disabled
Shutdown Temperature	[Disabled]	50 °C/122 °F
Case Open Warning	[Disabled]	55 °C/131 °F
CPU Temperature	:49 °C/120 °F	60 °C/140 °F
System Temperature	:31 °C/87 °F	65 °C/149 °F
CPU Fan Speed	:3590 RPM	70 °C/158 °F
System Fan Speed	:N/A	75 °C/167 °F
CPU Core	:1.248 V	80 °C/176 °F
DRAM Voltage	:1.584 V	85 °C/185 °F
+3.30V	:3.344 V	90 °C/194 °F
+5.00V	:5.107V	
+12.0V	:12.160 V	
VBAT	:3.284 V	
CPU Smart Fan Control	[Disabled]	
System Smart Fan Control	[Disabled]	

↑↓←→:Move Enter:Select +/-:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F9:Optimized Defaults



► Warning Temperature

This option is used to set the warning temperature for the system. When the temperature of CPU is higher than the set value, the motherboard will send out warning information.

► Shutdown Temperature

This item is used to set the system temperature upper limit. When the temperature exceeds the set value, the system will shut down automatically.

This function works only when your operating system is supporting ACPI.

► Case Open Warning

This item is used to enable or disable case open warning function.

► CPU/System Temperature

The CPU/System temperature are automatically detected and displayed by the system.

► CPU Fan/System Fan Speed

The CPU fan/System fan speed are automatically detected and displayed by the system.

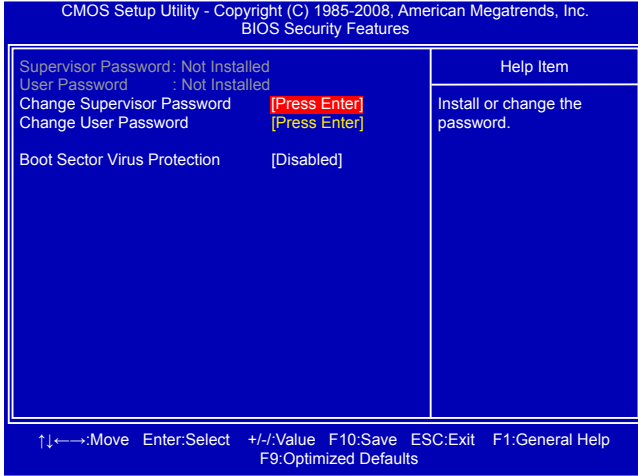
► CPU Core/ DRAM Voltage/ + 3.30V/+5.00V/+12.0V/VBAT

The current voltages are automatically detected and displayed by the system.

► CPU/System Smart Fan Control

This option is used to enable or disable smart fan function.

BIOS Security Features



► Change Supervisor Password

This item is used to install or change supervisor password.

After you input Supervisor password, it then will ask you to input user password optionally.



► Change User Password

This item is used to install or change user password.

► Boot Sector Virus Protection

This item is used to enable/disable boot sector virus protection.

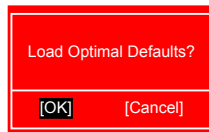


Load Optimal Defaults

Optimal defaults are the best settings of this motherboard. Always load the Optimal defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

Select this option and press Enter, it will pop out a dialogue box to let you load the defaults. Select <OK> and then press <Enter> to load the defaults. Select <Cancel> and press <Enter>, it will not load.

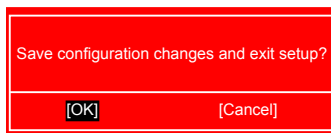
By this default, BIOS have set the optimal performance parameters of system to improve the performances of system components. But if the optimal performance parameters to be set cannot be supported by your hardware devices (for example, too many expansion cards were installed), the system might fail to work.



Save & Exit Setup

When you select this option and press <Enter>, a message will be displayed in the center of the screen:

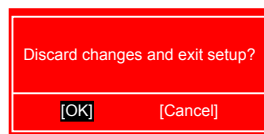
Select [OK] to save your changes to CMOS and exit the program, select [Cancel] or <ESC> to return to the main menu.



Exit Without Saving

If you select this option and press <Enter>, the following message will be displayed in the center of the screen:

Select [OK] to exit CMOS without saving your modifications, select [Cancel] or <ESC> to return to the main menu.





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The utility CD that came with the motherboard contains useful software and several utility drivers that enhance the motherboard features.

This chapter includes the following information:

- Utility CD content
- Install driver and utility
- FOX ONE
- FOX LiveUpdate
- FOX LOGO
- FOX DMI

Note : Because each module is independent, so the section number will be reorganized and unique to each module, please understand.

Utility CD content

This motherboard comes with one Utility CD. You can simply put it into your CD/DVD-ROM drive, and the main menu will be displayed on your PC screen to guide you how to install.

1. Install Driver

Use these options to install all the drivers for your system. You should install the drivers in order, and you need to restart your computer after all the drivers have been installed.

- A. Intel Chipset Driver
- B. Realtek HDA Audio Driver
- C. Realtek 811X LAN Driver
- D. Intel VGA Driver

2. Software Utilities

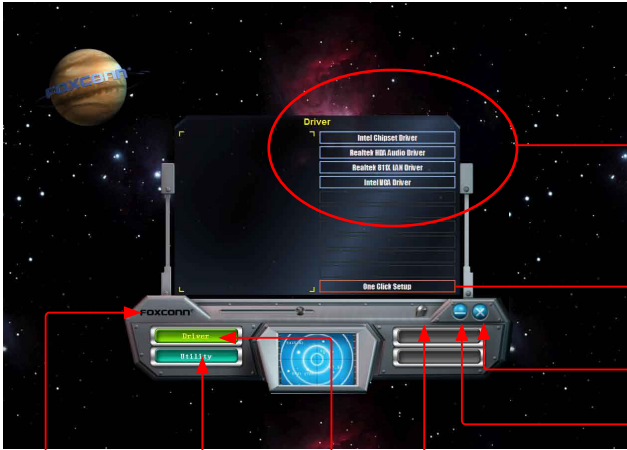
Use these options to install additional software programs. FOX ONE is a very powerful user interface program which allows you to change your system setting without going to BIOS. Some auto features help user to improve (or overclock) your system without being a computer literate.

- A. FOX ONE
- B. FOX LiveUpdate
- C. FOX LOGO
- D. FOX DMI
- E. Microsoft DirectX 9.0
- F. Adobe Acrobat Reader
- G. Norton Internet Security

Install driver and utility

1. Install Driver

You must click "Intel Chipset Driver" to install it first. After that, you can click "One Click Setup" to install all the other drivers left, or you can click on each individual driver to install it manually.



Manual Installation Step by Step

Automatic Installation by One Click.

Exit the program

Drop to System Tray

Click to visit Foxconn's website

Select to Install Utilities

Select to Install Drivers

Browse CD

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2. Install Utility

You can select the specific utility to install.



FOX ONE

FOX ONE is a powerful utility for easily modifying system settings. It also allows users to monitor various temperature values, voltage values, frequencies and fan speeds at any time.

With FOX ONE, you can :

- Modify system performance settings, such as the CPU and memory bus speeds, CPU voltages, fan speeds, and other system performance options.
- Monitor hardware temperatures, voltages, frequencies and fan speeds.



Depending on hardware support, voltage monitoring and Fox Intelligent Stepping features are optional and only supported in some models. If the option is selectable, it also means the feature is supported.

- Voltage Monitoring is supported only in FOX ONE Premium & Deluxe products.
- Fox Intelligent Stepping is supported only in FOX ONE Deluxe products.

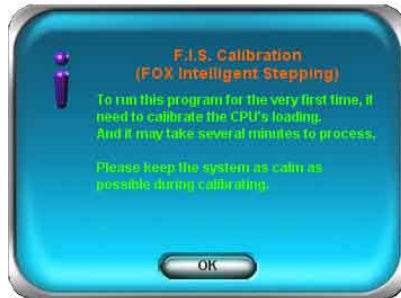
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Supporting Operating Systems :

- Windows 2000
- Windows XP (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows 2003 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows Vista (32-bit and 64-bit)

Using FOX ONE :

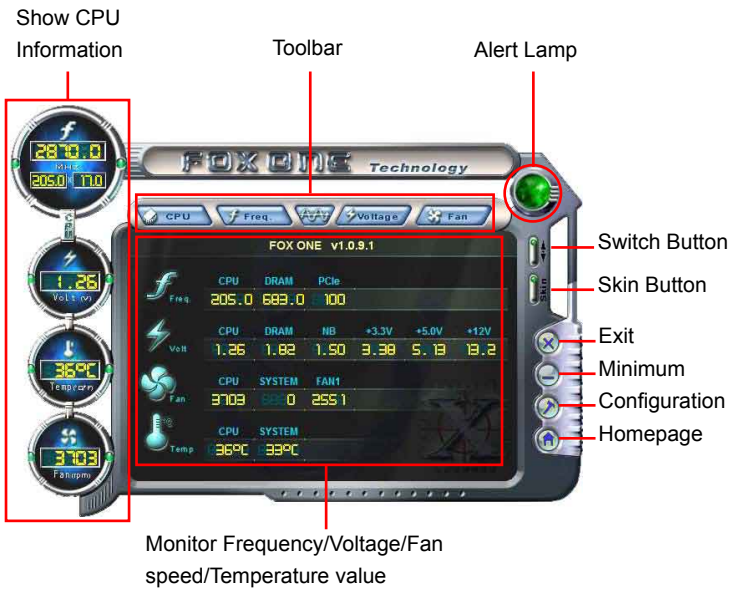
The very first time you run FOX ONE, F.I.S. Calibration function (FOX Intelligent Stepping) will require you to calibrate the CPU's loading. Click "OK" to proceed and start the Utility. F.I.S. is a feature of FOX ONE, which can automatically adjust your CPU clock based on your current system loading.



Before you running the FOX ONE program, the system parameters (such as CPU clock, voltage...etc.) are controlled by BIOS settings. After you run FOX ONE, it will take over, and the controlling right will be transferred to FOX ONE. Later, if you exit FOX ONE, then BIOS control will be back again.

1. Main Page

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Toolbar

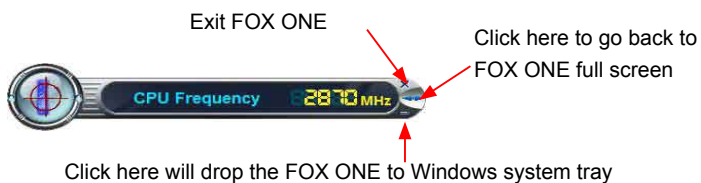
Use the toolbar to navigate to other pages.

Alert Lamp

When the system is in healthy state, the color of alert lamp is green. When the system is in abnormal state, the alert lamp color is red.

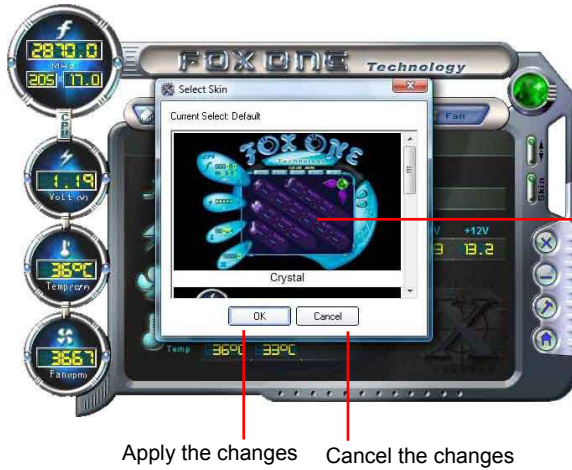
Switch Button

Click this button, it will simplify the whole FOX ONE control panel to a smaller information bar (i.e. Simple Mode) as depicted below, you can drag this bar to any place on your screen to help you monitoring system status.



Skin Button

There are more choices of FOX ONE screen panels. Click this button, you can select your favorite skin (FOX ONE Panel).



Click the new skin picture to select the new skin

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Exit

Click this button to exit the program.

Minimum

Click this button to drop the FOX ONE to Windows system tray located at the lower right corner of your screen.

Homepage



Click this button to visit Foxconn motherboard website :
<http://www.foxconnchannel.com>

Configuration

This menu allows you to configure :

1). Monitor interval (ms) :

This is to define the interval of different messages of system settings which are to be displayed on Simple Mode screen. Minimum value is 1 second.



2). Simple Mode :

To select which message of system settings are to be displayed in the Simple Mode. Messages such as CPU frequency, voltage...etc., they can be displayed one by one in Simple Mode.



3). F.I.S. Calibration (FOX Intelligent Stepping, Optional)

This function will re-calibrate the CPU's loading, and it may take several minutes to proceed. The FOX ONE calibration process will apply different loadings to your CPU, record PWM IC voltage together with the CPU clock running at these loadings, so it can define and estimate within a particular range of system loading, what the CPU clock should be.

Step 1 : Click Calibration icon, a message pops out to ask for continue. Select Yes.



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Step 2 : After data is collected, it will ask you to restart your computer now.



Later on, when the FOX ONE program is activated, and F.I.S. feature (in CPU Page) is also enabled, FOX ONE will automatically adjust your CPU clock according to your system loadings. (Loadings are like Power Gaming, Data Mining...etc.)

2. CPU Page - CPU Control

This page lets you select (or overclock) CPU clock to meet the current performance level of the system. The fastest and suitable CPU clock running for current system can be calculated by FOX ONE automatically or manually input by yourselves.

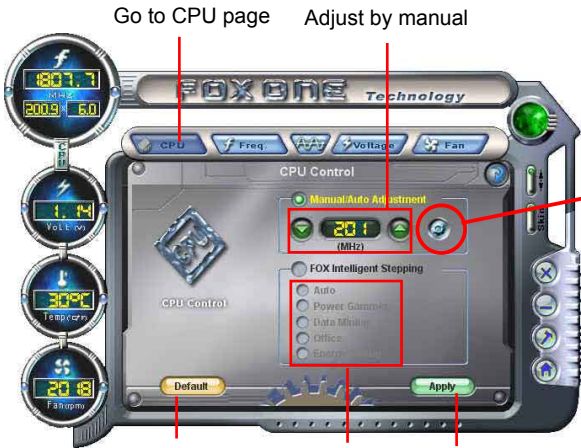
Manual :

You can press the up/down button to adjust your CPU clock.

Auto :

Click this button to let FOX ONE check the highest CPU clock you can use. System will raise the CPU clock step by step until it hangs, you can then push the RESET button on your PC panel to restart the system. When system restarts, run FOX ONE again, it will display a recommended highest CPU clock for you, click <Yes> to apply it.

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Go to CPU page

Adjust by manual

Press Auto button to let FOX ONE check the highest CPU clock you can use.

Reset the changes

FIS Features :
Select the different benchmarks

Apply the changes



A message informs you to push RESET button later if the system hangs finally. Click Yes to continue.



You can see the system is raising CPU clock until the system hangs. Push RESET button on the front panel of your system to restart the computer.



Run FOX ONE program again, it will inform you the previous test found that 255MHz is the recommended CPU clock for your system. Click Yes to apply it to your system.



Now, your system is running at a CPU clock of 255MHz.

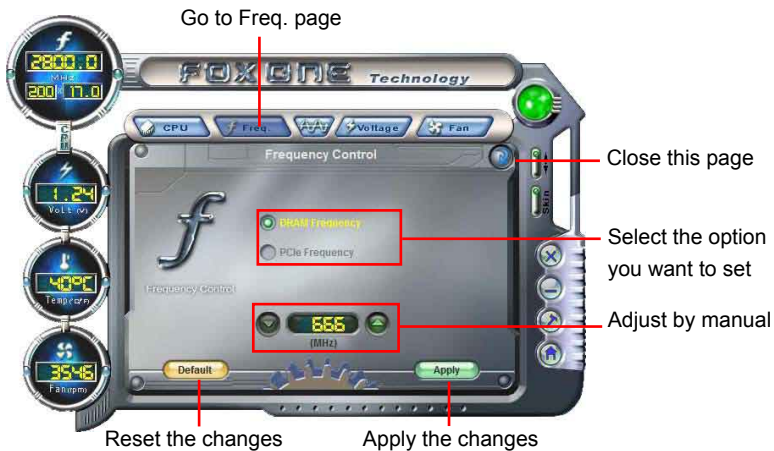
FOX Intelligent Stepping (F.I.S., Optional)

Select FOX Intelligent Stepping will allow your system to automatically adjust your CPU clock rate based on different system loadings. For example, if you select Power Gaming, CPU clock will be driven to run at its maximum speed. While in Energy Saving, CPU will lower down its speed to a minimum. The four benchmarks - Power Gaming, Data Mining, Office and Energy Saving, the references of their system loading were calculated and defined in the FIS Calibration option of Configuration menu. Select Auto, CPU will automatically adjust its clock according to current system loading.



3. Frequency Page - Frequency Control

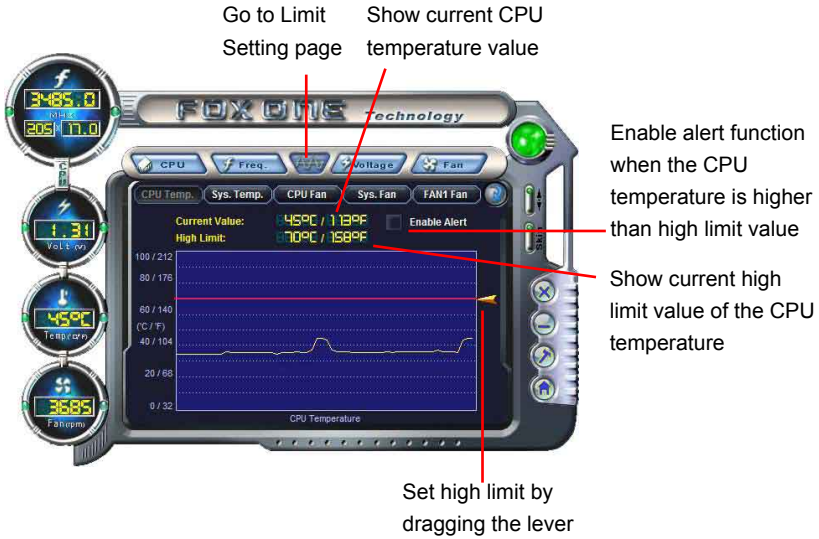
This page lets you set memory and PCI Express frequencies by manual.



4. Limit Setting

4.1 Limit Setting - CPU Temperature

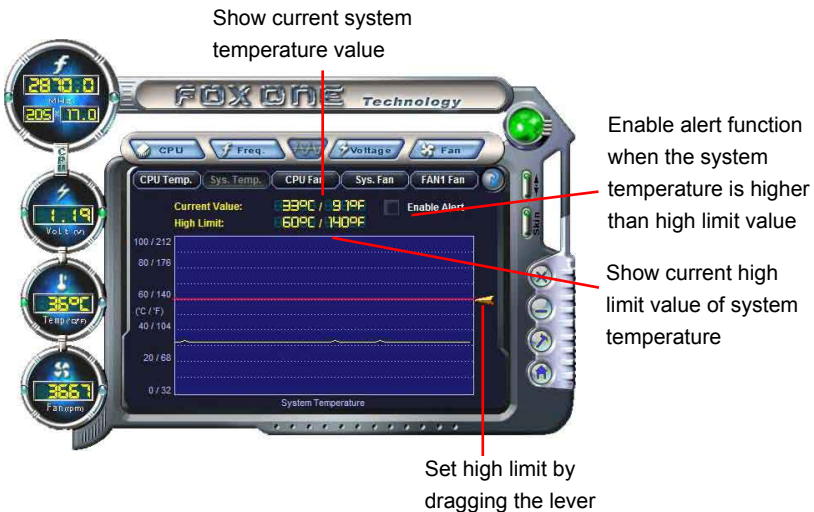
This page lets you to set CPU high limit temperature and enable the alert function.



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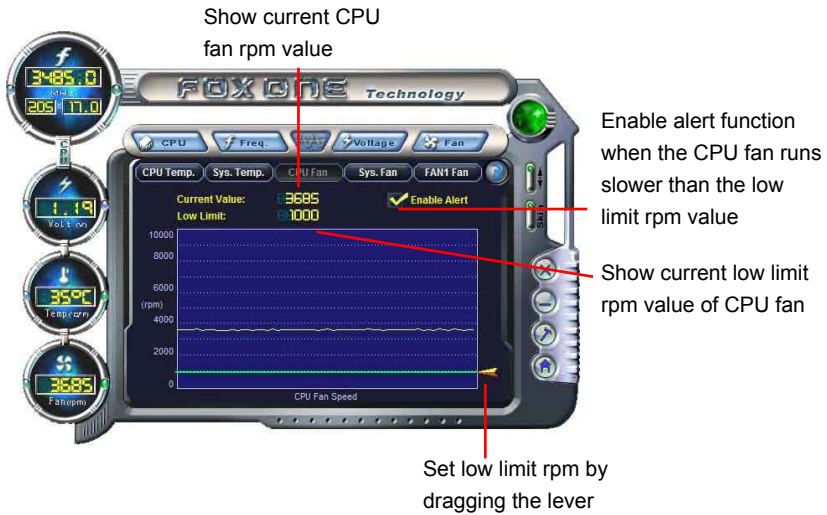
4.2 Limit Setting - System Temperature

This page lets you to set system high limit temperature and enable the alert function.



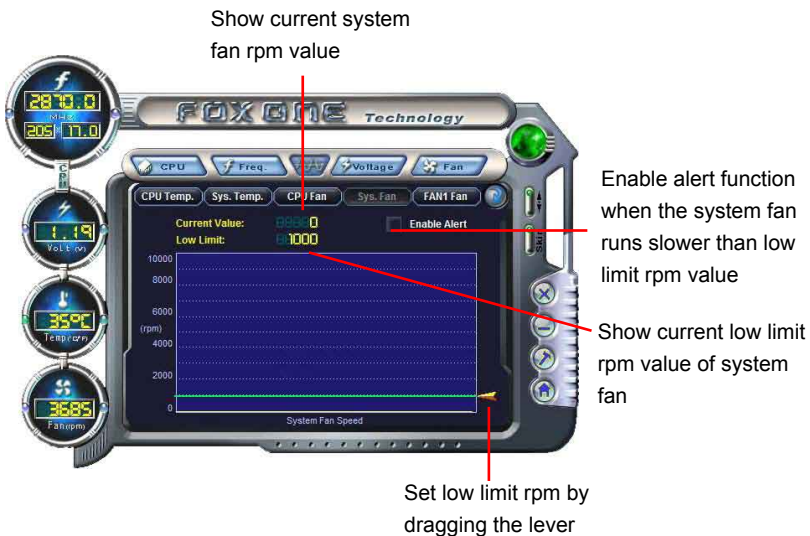
4.3 Limit Setting - CPU Fan

This page lets you to set CPU fan low limit rpm and enable the alert function.



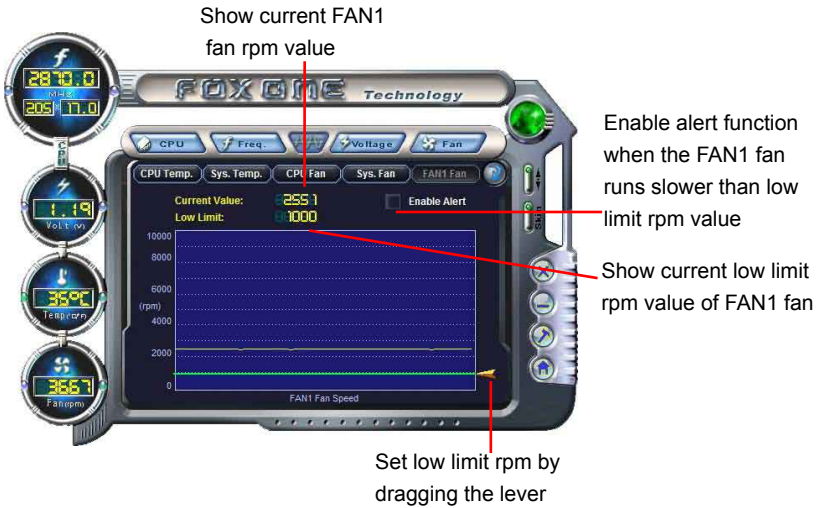
4.4 Limit Setting - System Fan

This page lets you to set system fan low limit rpm and enable the alert function.



4.5 Limit Setting - FAN1 Fan

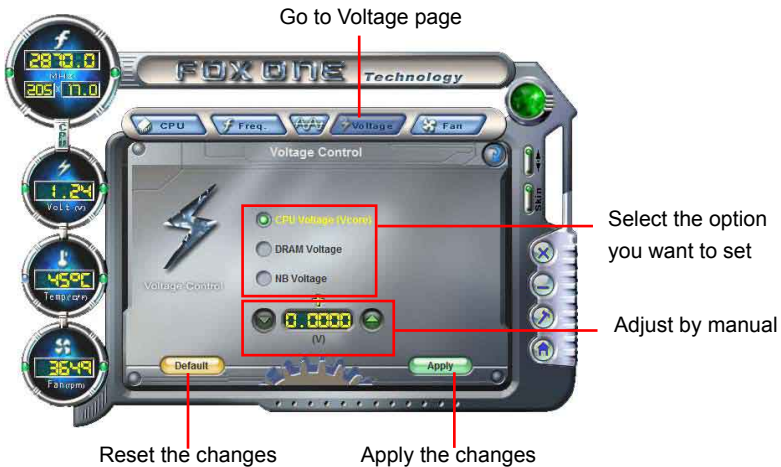
This page lets you to set FAN1 fan low limit rpm and enable the alert function.



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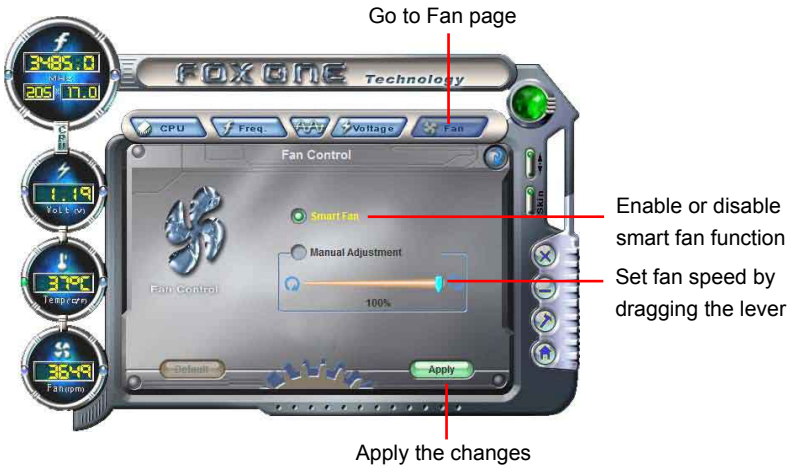
5. Voltage Page - Voltage Control (Optional)

This page lets you set CPU voltage, memory voltage and North Bridge voltage manually. CPU voltage can be stepped up/down by a unit of 12.5mV, while memory is 0.05V/step, and North Bridge is 0.04V/step.



6. Fan Page - Fan Control

This page lets you enable Smart Fan function or set the fan speed by manual. When Smart Fan is selected, you must use a 4-pin CPU cooler in your system.



FOX LiveUpdate

FOX LiveUpdate is a useful utility to backup and update your system BIOS, drivers and utilities by local or online.

Supporting Operating Systems :

- Windows 2000
- Windows XP (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows 2003 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows Vista (32-bit and 64-bit)

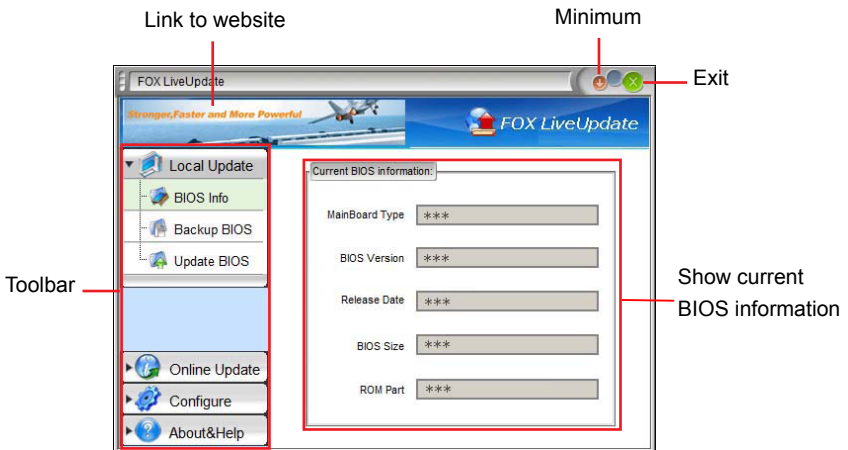
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Using FOX LiveUpdate :

1. Local Update

1-1 Local Update - BIOS Information

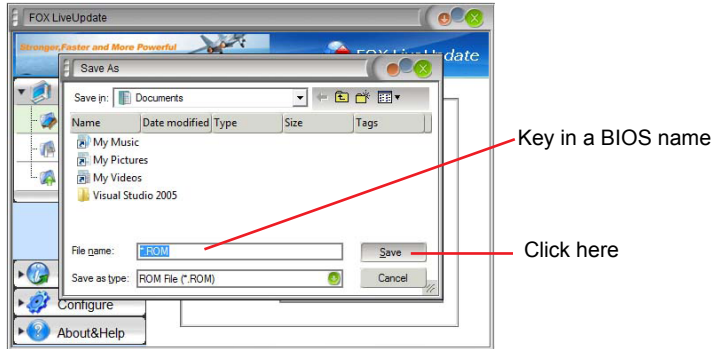
This page lets you know your system BIOS information.



*** : please refer to the physical motherboard for detail.

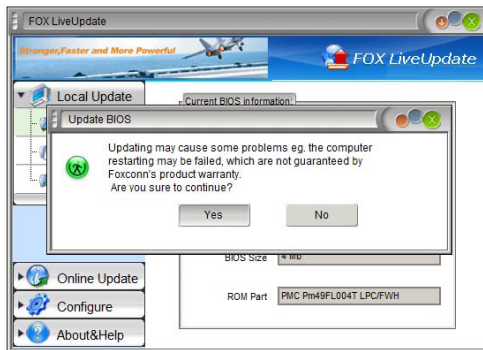
1-2 Local Update - Backup

This page can backup your system BIOS. You can click "Backup", and key in a file name, then click "Save" to finish the backup operation. The extension of this backup file is ".BIN" for Award BIOS and ".ROM" for AMI BIOS. Default directory is "C:\Desktop\My Documents" in Windows XP and "Documents" in Vista. Make sure you can remember the file name together with the directory which it is stored, prevented that you may need them to recover your BIOS later.



1-3 Local Update - Update

This page helps you to update your BIOS from a local file. After click "Update", An alert message will be displayed to ensure if you really want to continue, click "Yes" to confirm. A setup wizard will guide you to load a local BIOS file to finish the operation. You must remember from which directory to load your new BIOS file (with an extension of ".BIN" for Award BIOS, ".ROM" for AMI BIOS) before the setup wizard starts.

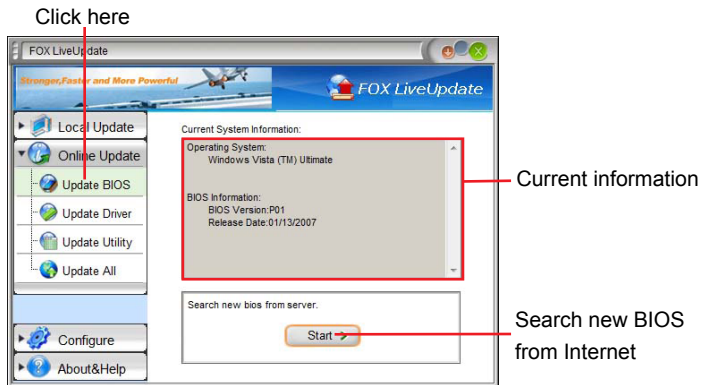


FOX LiveUpdate can automatically backup old BIOS before update. This feature can be enabled in the "Configure-System" setup. Please refer to "Configure-System" section for more detail. The default backup directory is C:\LiveUpdate_Temp, but the backup file name will be automatically generated. It is hard to find it out from a backup directory, and we recommend you using Explorer to check date/time message of this backup file to find it out and write its name down to remember it.

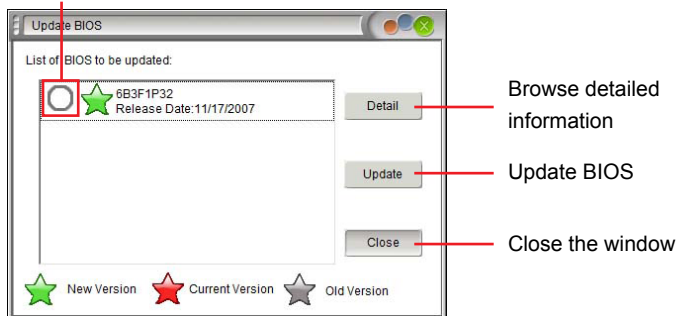
2. Online Update

2-1 Online Update - Update BIOS

This page lets you update your system BIOS from Internet. Click “start”, it will search the new BIOS from Internet. Then follow the wizard to finish the update operation.

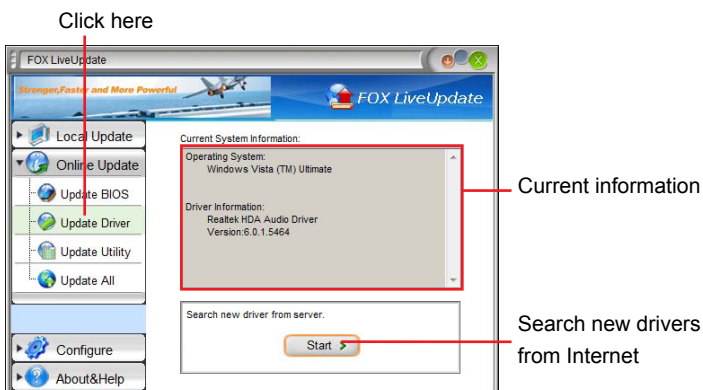


Select BIOS to update



2-2 Online Update - Update Driver

This page lets you update your system drivers from Internet. Click “start”, it will search the new drivers from Internet. Then follow the wizard to finish the update operation.



Select the driver to update



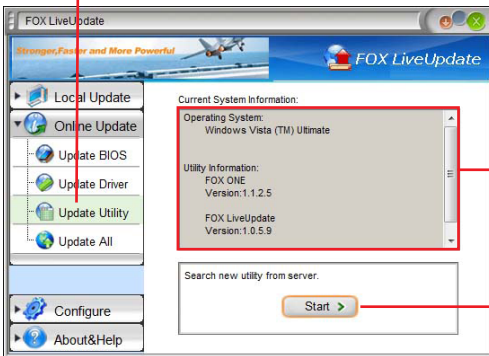
- Browse detailed information
- Install the selected driver
- Close the window

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2-3 Online Update - Update Utility

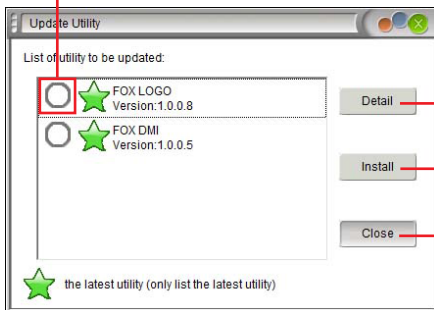
This page lets you update utilities from Internet. Click "start", it will search the new utilities from Internet. Then follow the wizard to finish the update operation.

Click here



- Current information
- Search new utilities from Internet

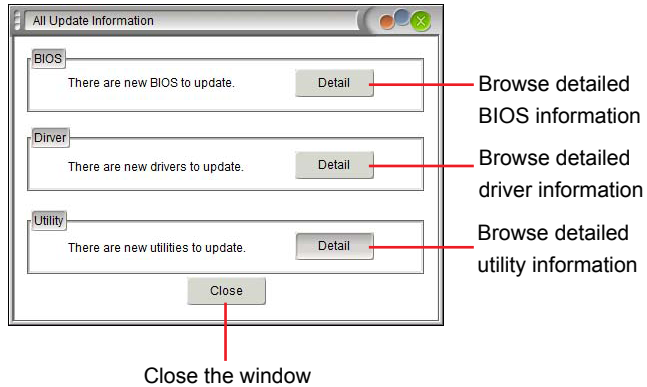
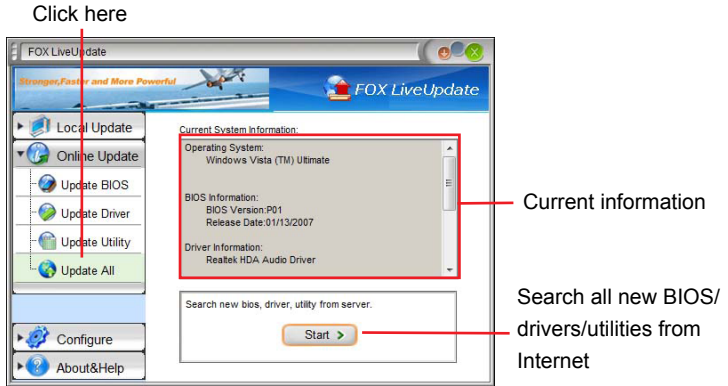
Select the utility to update



- Browse detailed information
- Install the selected utility
- Close the window

2-4 Online Update - Update All

This page lets you update your system drivers from Internet. Click "start", it will search all new BIOS/drivers/utilities from Internet. Then follow the wizard to finish the update operation.

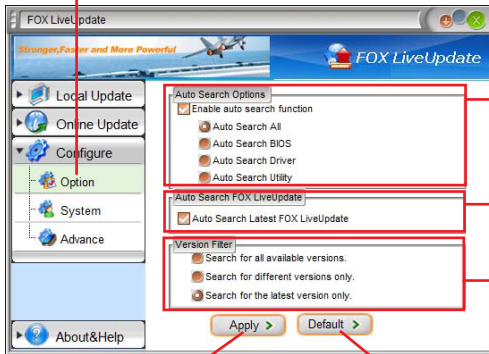


3. Configure

3-1 Configure - option

This page lets you set auto search options. After you enable the auto search function, FOX LiveUpdate will start its searching from Internet and if any qualified item found, it will pop out a message on the task bar to inform you to do the next step.

Click here



Set auto search options

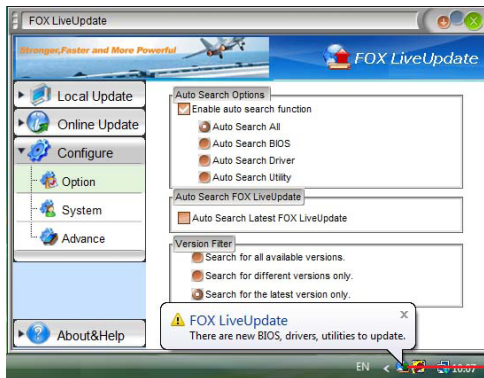
Set auto search the latest FOX LiveUpdate

Select search which kind of versions

Apply the changes

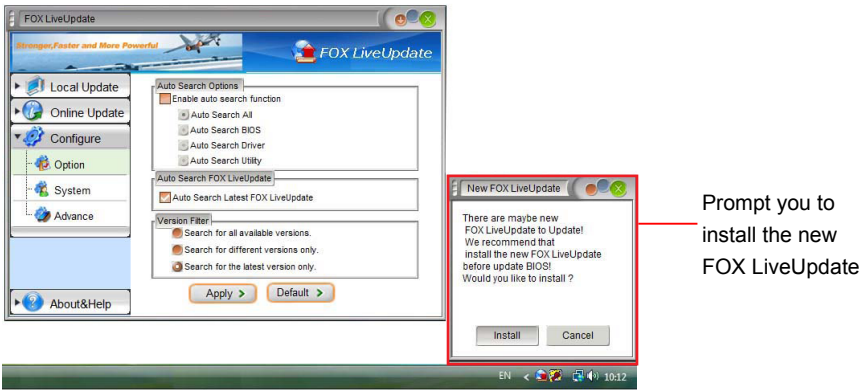
Reset to default value

Double click on the icon as show below, you can see the detailed information.



Double click here

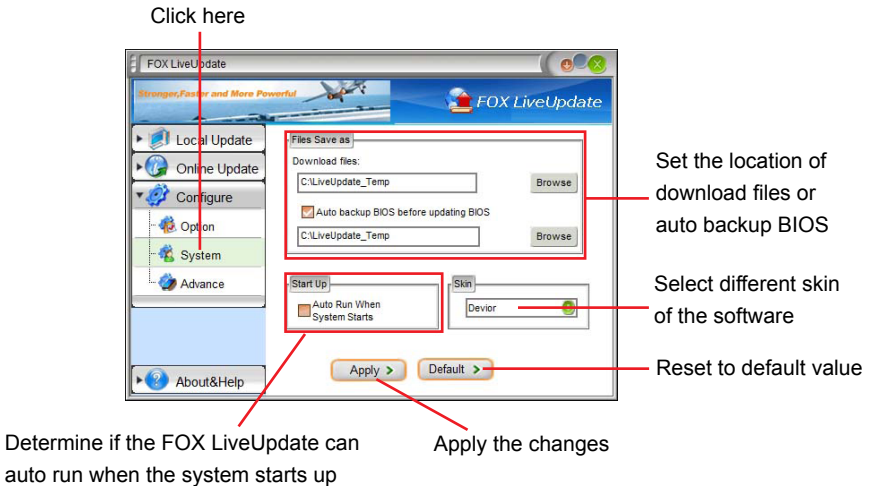
When you enable "Auto Search FOX LiveUpdate", if your FOX LiveUpdate version is older, it will auto search from internet and prompt you to install the new version.



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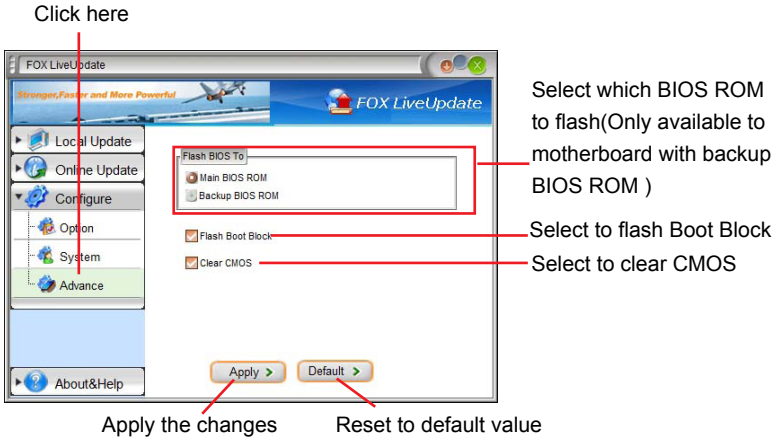
3-2 Configure - System

This page lets you set the backup BIOS location and change different skin of the FOX LiveUpdate utility.



3-3 Configure - Advance

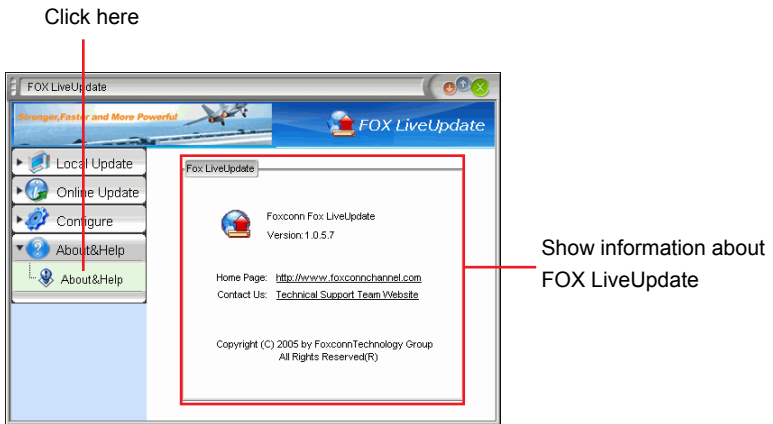
This page lets you select to flash BIOS / Boot Block and clear CMOS. If you choose Flash Boot Block, it means BIOS is not protective, and you must make sure the flash process is continuous and without any interruption.



We recommend that you had better keep the default setting unchanged to avoid any damage.

4. About & Help

This page shows some information about FOX LiveUpdate.



FOX LOGO

FOX LOGO is a simple and useful utility to backup, change and delete the boot time Logo. The boot Logo is the image that appears on screen during POST (Power-On Self-Test).

You can prepare a JPG image (1024x768) file, then use FOX LOGO to open it and change the boot time Logo. Boot time Logo will be displayed if you enable the BIOS "Quiet Boot" setting in "Advanced BIOS Features" menu.

Supporting Operating Systems :

- Windows 2000
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Using FOX LOGO:

Main Page



When you change Logo or delete current Logo, the system will flash BIOS file automatically. During this time, please DO NOT shut down the application and the system, or the motherboard will be damaged seriously.

FOX DMI

FOX DMI is a full Desktop Management Interface viewer, and it provides three DMI data formats : Report, Data Fields and Memory Dump.

With DMI information, system maker can easily analyze and troubleshoot your motherboard if there is any problem occurred.

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Using FOX DMI:

Please operate this utility as the comments shows.

Click here to select the type you want to view.

Click here to select the DMI Data format you need

